



VENETIAN PLASTER

Give your home an old-world "European" feel.

Tools and Materials

Flexible 4" or larger Steel Trowel or Wall Scraper, 100 grit and 400 or 600 grit Sandpaper, Gloves, Cloth Rags, Drop Cloth, Paint Tray or Mud Tray, BEHR Venetian Plaster

Application Tip: Venetian Plaster should be applied over a primed or low-sheen surface, like Flat or Eggshell.

First Coat:

- Round corners of a flexible steel trowel with 100 grit sandpaper to reduce edge marks during application.
- Load your trowel with Venetian Plaster and hold it at a 15°-30° angle, pulling and spreading your tinted Venetian Plaster across the surface. Using long and short random strokes, creating a very thin layer. The original wall surface should peek through in certain areas.
- Wipe off your trowel often to avoid dried Venetian Plaster from effecting the smoothness of the product application.
- Allow the first coat to dry for approximately four hours.

Second Coat:

- Load your trowel with Venetian Plaster and hold it at a 60°-90° angle and apply a thin second coat of product, using long and short, overlapping strokes.
- Fill in voids and recessed areas, while covering the original wall surface completely. Gently smooth away any edge marks with the trowel.
- Allow the Venetian Plaster finish to dry for 24 hours before moving on to the finishing techniques.

Finishing Techniques:

For Added Durability and Protection

Venetian Plaster Topcoat provides a washable, satin-sheen finish in high traffic or high moisture areas.

- Apply the Topcoat before burnishing and within 7 days of the Venetian Plaster application using a clean, flexible 4" or larger steel trowel. Hold the trowel at an angle, pulling and spreading the product across the surface. Topcoating may enhance or darken the color of the Venetian Plaster finish.
- After the Topcoat is completely dry, approximately 24 hours, a polished marble-like appearance can be created by following the Burnishing instructions below.

Burnishing

- Burnish the surface within 7 days of application by rubbing the surface in a circular motion with 400 or 600 grit sandpaper.
- Once burnished, for a more polished look, use the flat side of a clean steel trowel to additionally rub the finish. The heat and friction created by the rubbing produces a defined, marble-like appearance.
- Wipe the burnished surface with a slightly dampened rag to remove plaster dust.

Hint: Prevent your Venetian Plaster from drying out or collecting dirt/dust by keeping the can and paint tray covered with the lid or a damp cloth throughout your project.

Option: For a modern effect, mix Venetian Plaster Topcoat with the BEHR Metallic or Pearlescent color of your choice. Mix 4-6 oz (1/2 to 3/4 of a cup) of Metallic, or 16 oz (1/2 of a quart container) of Pearlescent with one quart of Venetian Plaster Topcoat and apply as instructed above.