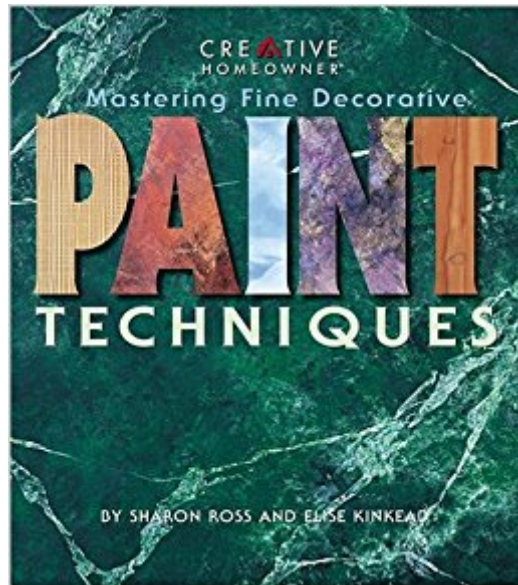




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# Mastering Fine Decorative Paint Techniques



## Synopsis

Mastering Fine Decorative Paint Techniques is a step-by-step guide through the process of decorative painting-from choosing color schemes to mastering sponging, marbling, graining, and more. It explains why decorative painting is appropriate for today's homes and how readers can incorporate it into their interior spaces. The first half of the book excites homeowners about the beautiful-and personally satisfying-results they can achieve by learning decorative painting techniques. It also prepares homeowners by educating them on evaluating color's characteristics, choosing the right tools, and preparing surfaces. The second half of the book describes the need for priming and base-coating walls, as well as the formulas for mixing paints and glazes. Then, it delves into decorative painting techniques, covering each method and providing professional advice.

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1999Source: Palm Beach News, Palm Beach, FLOctober 8, 1999Source: Palm Beach Daily News, Palm Beach, FLOctober 8, 1999"Gives clear, step-by-step instructions for creating painted effects on walls and floors... Every page contains color photos of tools, processes, and beautiful results."Source: Booknews"This is an excellent book on the topic of decorative painting."  
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Decorative faux finishes such as marbleizing, stenciling, sponging, glazing, etc., can transform an ordinary room into a masterpiece. They offer an inexpensive, creative alternative to plain wallpapered and painted walls and accessories. This reference book is intended for the beginning do-it-yourselfer as well as the seasoned professional.- Complete step-by-step instructions with color photos of more than 40 techniques- Over 300 full-color photographs and illustrations- Easy-to-read reference formatThis informative textbook covers almost everything you could want to do for your walls in any room.

## HAS EASY TECHNIQUES/DIRECTIONS TO FOLLOW

This paint book is very thorough and gives detail instructions and pictures as well. I can't wait to try some of these techniques. I would highly recommend this book.

I am a professional faux finisher/muralist, and I really enjoyed this book. I have literally dozens of books on decorative painting techniques, and this is one of my favorites. It's like an encyclopedia- lots of different techniques explained very clearly, with good general info. If you're not sure what type of finish you're looking for, this would be a good book to invest in. Also has a good color reference for help on mixing your own paint colors. Another nice feature is that there are finishes in both water and oil based paints. Some Faux books only deal with oils, which i personally don't like to work with because of the smell and clean-up, etc... If you're looking for a more advanced book, I'd suggest "The Art of Faux" by Pierre Finkelstein.

I bought this book in preparation for painting rooms in our first home. Having always rented, I didn't know what all was required in preparing your surface or how to choose the proper application tools. This book started from the beginning and included these topics. The examples throughout the book are marvelous and the directions for achieving such great effects, as stenciling, colorwashing, stippling, sponging, ragging, etc. are easy to understand. The instructions also include applying the

these techniques to not only walls, but objects like picture frames, candlesticks and furniture if appropriate. A must have for anyone who is redecorating their home and wants to stretch their budget a little further by using paint techniques.

I am currently reading this book as I prepare to redecorate my home using painting techniques. This book is excellent in the volume of information it contains from a discussion of colors, paints, glazes, brushes, and tools to specific techniques such as sponging, ragging, stippling, color washing, etc. I found the contents to be very specific yet simple enough for a beginner like me. The best feature however is the variety of color pictures that accompany each topic. Once I have mastered the simpler techniques, this book will allow me to move on to the more advanced techniques which are also included. Happy painting!

Excellent book, strongly recommend them!

I bought this book as a just in case my other book didn't have all the information I needed but I ended up using this book as my main book to do my house. Great illustrations and explanations.

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