

## Smooth Fresco

Smooth Fresco offers a soft, earthy texture that exudes a warm rustic appeal. This comfortably casual technique is a great option for enhancing the appearance of a great room or dining room.



Mellowed Ochre SWF 110

### **Time Required:**

For an average room with 400 sq. ft. of wall space, it will take you approximately 6 total hours over 1 to 2 days.

### **Before You Begin:**

You'll find a variety of color combinations for this technique in the Faux Impressions™ store display. Once you narrow down your options, Sherwin-Williams® recommends that you create a sample board to finalize your color selection and practice your technique before tackling an entire wall.

### **Additional Support:**

Watch a step-by-step video of these application techniques at [sherwin-williams.com/faux](http://sherwin-williams.com/faux).



Tarazzo Taupe SWF 112



## Supplies:

Items needed for a 400 sq.-ft. wall area:

- Contractor Series® faux technique sample boards
- One roll of 2" low-tack/safe-release tape
- Assorted drop cloths and rags
- Paint tray
- 9" roller frame
- 9" Contractor Series® premium roller cover (3/8" nap)
- Nylon/polyester brush
- 6¼" roller frame
- 6" Contractor Series® premium roller cover (3/8" nap)
- Symphony by Purdy™ sea sponge glazing mitt
- Latex gloves
- Two gallons of Duration Home® Interior Latex Matte paint (base coat color)
- One quart of Faux Impressions™ Latex Glaze
- One quart of Duration Home® Interior Latex Matte paint (glaze color)
- XIM Latex Extender (optional)
- 5-quart mixing container

# How to create a Smooth Fresco finish.

**Step 1 Apply Base Coat Color:** Apply two coats of Duration Home® Interior Latex Matte paint in your base coat color, following the label directions for recommended drying and recoat times. Matte finish is required for proper results.

You may use a brush to cut into corners and around trim, but while the paint is still wet, immediately blend it into the body of the wall with a 6" premium 3/8" nap roller (**diagram 1**). This is an important technique to follow, as any brush marks will create an unwanted "picture frame" effect around the edges of your wall when you're finished. Cover the remainder of the wall using your 9" premium 3/8" nap roller.



**General Preparation:** Clear the area of all decorative items and move furniture to the center of your room. Protect any adjacent surfaces such as ceilings, wood trim and baseboards by masking them with low-tack tape. Spread drop cloths over floors and furniture. If using a ladder, be certain that it is sturdy and will reach all necessary areas safely. Properly clean and prepare all surfaces prior to applying any products.



**Step 2A Mix Decorative Glaze:** Once the paint is dry and appears to have a uniform matte sheen, you are ready to mix your decorative glaze. Pour 8 ounces of Faux Impressions™ Latex Glaze into a mixing container and add 8 ounces of Duration Home® Interior Latex Matte (glaze color). For ease of application and additional open time, add XIM Latex Extender to the Glaze mixture. Stir the contents to create a uniform solution. This mixture will cover approximately 350–400 square feet.

Apply a small amount of the glaze mixture to the moistened sea sponge mitt or a rectangular cellulose sponge. Coat the surface evenly using a wooden stir stick or your hand (**diagram 2A**).



**Step 2B Glaze:** Begin in an upper corner and rub the glaze on the wall using a random circular action similar to applying wax to a car. Reload the glazing mitt or sponge often, and blend the areas as you move along the wall (**diagram 2B**). As the mitt or sponge dries out, you may go back over any areas to lighten the glaze coverage and reveal more of the texture and base coat color.

Once dry to the touch, gently remove the low-tack tape, reset your room, and enjoy your newly personalized space.

