SUEDE
HOW-TO GUIDE

A unique finish designed to evoke the supple hand and rich, authentic character of brushed suede, our 54 elegant neutrals and soft hues create a refined, distinctive appearance in both traditional and modern environments.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN:
Start with clean, dry walls primed with latex primer.

STEP 1: TAPE
Apply tape along any surface bordering the painting area.

STEP 2: EDGES
Starting at the top left corner, use the nylon/poly brush to paint along the edge of the wall, working your way across and down to create a border around the entire wall.
Use the small roller to blend brush lines frequently. Work in small sections so the finish stays wet for easier blending.

STEP 3: BASE COAT
Rinse the roller covers and squeeze out the excess water to remove any lint. Saturate the rollers in Suede.
After completing the border, generously coat the large roller and apply Suede in a random, sweeping V-shaped pattern across the wall.
Overlap Vs to ensure equal paint distribution.
Don’t worry if the base coat seems uneven, but do keep the roller fully saturated to apply ample paint to the wall.
A good gauge for roller saturation is to reload it after every 18" x 18" section.

Allow the base coat dry for at least four hours before moving on to the final coat.

STEP 4: FINAL COAT
Apply the final coat with the brush in a pattern of crisscrossing X-shaped strokes that are each approximately 5" long.
Start in a far corner and work the X’s randomly over the entire wall to create the unique look of brushed suede.
Allow the final coat to dry overnight before removing the tape.

Helpful Hints:
If a small area becomes marred, use a small artist’s brush to touch up only the affected area.
Due to the directional nature of the finish, large marred areas will require the entire wall to be recoated.
Suede is not recommended for application on ceilings, textured walls or in high-traffic areas.

RE-PAINTING TIP
Despite its richly textured look, Suede can be painted over without sanding the walls first.
Simply apply a coat of a premium primer followed by your new Ralph Lauren paint or Ralph Lauren specialty finish.

What you will need:

AMPLE PAINT
One gallon of Suede covers approximately 150 square feet with two coats

9" ROLLER FRAME WITH UNIQUE FINISH COVER

4" ROLLER FRAME WITH UNIQUE FINISH COVER

ADDITIONAL ITEMS:
3" nylon/poly trim brush
Low-tack painter’s tape
Roller tray