

Materials Needed for SoftSuede™ Finishing:

- illusions® 9" Specialty Roller with Spatter Guard and paint tray
- low-tack painter's tape
- 3" latex paint brush
- drop cloth
- illusions® SoftSuede™
- illusions® 4" Specialty Edge Roller with Spatter Guard



Preparation:

A clean, dry, dull surface is optimal for painting. Wash your walls with mild soap and rinse thoroughly. Scrape any loose paint, patch any holes, and sand smooth. Remove dust with a vacuum or tack cloth.

STEP 1

Mask ceilings, baseboards, and trim with painter's tape. With a brush, cut in an 18" section along the edge of the ceiling and wall with illusions® SoftSuede™ finish. Then texture the wet finish with the 4" Specialty Edge Roller, using a thick coating for best results. Continue rolling with the 9" Specialty Roller in 18" x 18" sections, reloading your roller for each section.



STEP 2

As soon as you complete an 18" floor-to-ceiling column, roll over it lightly without reloading the roller. Repeat steps 1 and 2 until you've covered the entire room, and allow to dry at least four hours. This first coat will look uneven.

STEP 3

With a 3" latex paint brush, apply a SoftSuede™ topcoat using large, overlapping, random "X" strokes. Be sure to blend your strokes for a softly mottled effect.

WARNING! Removal of old paint by sanding, scraping, or other means may generate dust or fumes that contain lead. Exposure to lead dust or fumes may cause brain damage or other adverse health effects, especially in children or pregnant women. Controlling exposure to lead or other hazardous substances requires the use of proper protective equipment, such as a properly fitted respirator (NIOSH-approved) and proper containment and cleanup.

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