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'Eggshell is perfect for painting furniture as it has a durable finish with a soft sheen'

SIMON TEMPRELL, NEPTUNE



LIME WASH

Another choice for a beautiful soft matt finish on walls is traditional lime wash. Francesca Wezel of Francesca's Paints and a specialist in eco lime washes for over 25 years explains its enduring appeal

"I've been working with eco lime wash, one of the most natural paints, since 1996.

Lime wash is the oldest form of paint, made with lime water and linseed oil as a binder. Limestone is ground down and heated at a very high temperature, then cured and cooled in water; the longer it is in the water the thicker the paint. Our lime washes are cured for around a

year and so only need two coats for coverage. The lime wash must be applied to a semi-wet surface to help the paint absorb.

What I love most is you apply it by brush in a criss-cross method and it dries in a subtle, mottled effect. It's a natural paint effect that doesn't involve techniques such as rag-rolling and stippling for this beautiful variation. Lime wash has such a lovely texture

that absorbs all the light, and deep colours are softened by the lime. It is such a velvety, powder soft finish and I think it looks wonderful in strong colours.

Due to the nature of the paint, you can't wash or wipe it. I have it everywhere in my house except the hallway, and it lasts a long time as I find any scratches or marks can add to the character of the finish."

ABOVE LEFT Eggshell is a good choice for painting furniture. *Aldwych dressing table in Old Rose, £65 for 2.5l Eggshell, Neptune*

ABOVE RIGHT High-sheen finishes are ideal for cabinetry. *Shelf outer, Jonquil in Water-based Gloss, £85 for 2.5l; shelf inner, Malahide in Water-based Eggshell, £85, for 2.5l, both Edward Bulmer Natural Paint*