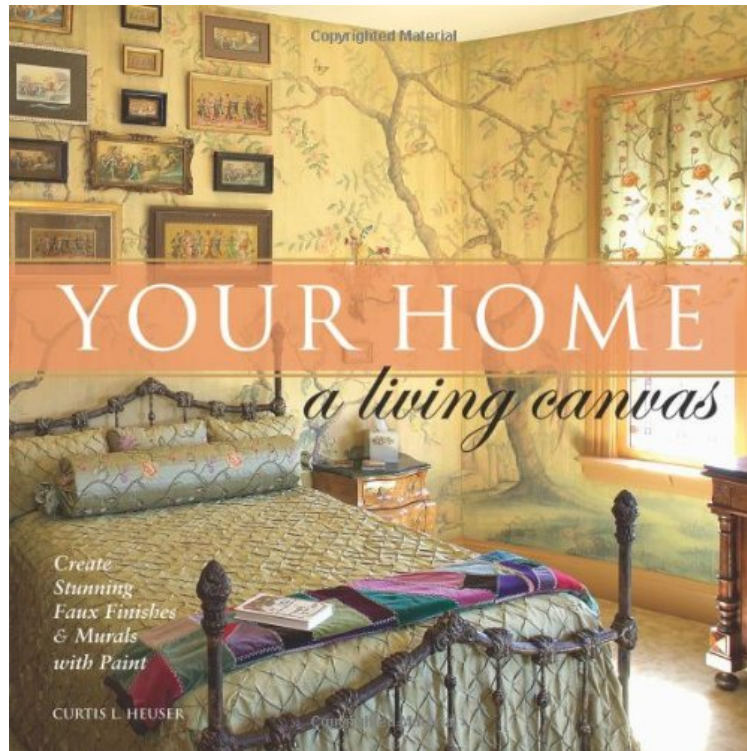


Your Home A Living Canvas: Create Stunning Faux Finishes Murals with Paint

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Curtis L Heuser : Your Home A Living Canvas: Create Stunning Faux Finishes Murals with Paint before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Your Home A Living Canvas: Create Stunning Faux Finishes Murals with Paint:

36 of 36 people found the following review helpful. Stunning book puts magnificence within your reach! By Captain Fig "Awesome" has become a word so inappropriately and over used in contemporary language that I hesitate to include it in this review, but applied in its truest form is the only word that does justice to this book. This work is an extraordinary journey in artistic expression and delight that includes a gift to the reader that, although promised by the introduction, delivers in greater abundance than I would ever have believed. While basking in the grandeur of seeing what a gifted artist has achieved in transforming a wreck into a palace, it suddenly becomes apparent that regardless of imagination or individual talent, much of what is showcased is achievable by anyone with even the most modest of abilities! Don't know where to find your inspiration? Curt shows you where he found his - a beloved knick-knack, an interesting antique store item, a pleasing fabric pattern - you name it, he reveals that inspiration is a natural inclination easily found within the simplest of everyday items. Don't know how to employ your source of inspiration? Curt shows you a myriad of ways to do just that. Afraid you don't have the knowledge or talent to tackle faux finishing? I thought so too until seeing how easy it was to follow the simple step-by-step directions. This book inspired me to try my first faux finishing project with results that far exceeded anything I would have thought possible, particularly since it was

my first attempt. People can't believe that what I accomplished wasn't done by a professional. At a loss in selecting a color palette? (My nemesis!) Curt hands you many on a silver platter! I've always found picking colors that work together the hardest part of decorating. With more than two dozen examples, just find one you like and Curt gives you the exact palette down to the specific paint name that you just take to the store! It doesn't get easier than that! I originally purchased this book because of my interest in renovation, remodeling and design, and love of art in general. I've always enjoyed improving the various homes I've owned and love seeing how others transform stones into gems. While I have painted many a wall and baseboard in my life, decorative painting was something I thought I would never attempt or be able to achieve. How wrong I was and thanks to Curt I know now that magnificence is within my reach. I can't wait to attempt my first mural!

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Love it! By Kat Miller
A wonderful book. I love just sitting and looking through the pages and seeing how this house little by little was transformed into an amazing home. It has given me ideas on things I can do to my house. It does not give you step by step, but does give you the important steps and the colors, brushes, and everything he used. I recommend this book for anyone who wants ideas or just loves to look at beautiful before and after they have been done.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great book! By Michael Hogue
Great book! This book was paired with mine: *The House That Faux Built: Transform Your Home with Paint, Plasters and Creativity* so I had to check it out. It's a beautiful book full of great ideas. Both books inspire you to do more with what you have rather than just settling for Vanilla. Good pairing, great book

Readers will love this "treasure trove of inspiration" filled with stunning before and after photography of finished rooms and interior details. Inside are over "30" astonishing mural and faux finishing "step-by-step" projects, accompanied with interesting chatty side notes and expert tips - as author and artist Curtis Heuser guides the reader "room-by-room" through his beautifully renovated Historic private residence. Readers will learn the secrets to creating unique paint effects, and pick up invaluable designer tips on everything from choosing colors to decorating a bookshelf. Whether a professional or novice in the field, "YOUR HOME A Living Canvas" promises to sweep you up to new inspirational levels!!!

From the Author
Bringing this book to life was the most rewarding challenge in my creative career! Using only paint, joint compound and a lot of imagination - I share with readers the amazing transformation, as a long neglected historic dwelling once again becomes a warm and inviting "HOME!" The book is basically a pictorial walk-through of each room in my private residence. Along the way I explain how every room concept developed and relates to the adjoining space from a design perspective. I then highlight each of the dramatic paint transformations with tons of beautifully photographed and detailed step-by-step images. There are over 30 unique projects featured which are accompanied with all the paint colors and materials and tools necessary to re-create the wall or ceiling treatment. Also included are unbelievable "before and after" pics of each room. It was my ultimate goal that this book awaken the creative passion in each reader. If you are simply a novice admirer of decorative painting and/or just love interior decorating and learning the secrets behind good design, I truly believe you will find this book bursting at the seams with inspiration!

On the other hand, if you are a professional artist / interior designer or architect / home builder or remodeler / fellow historic home owner or admirer, etc. - "YOUR HOME A Living Canvas" is sure to ignite your creative juices!

About the Author
Curtis Heuser is a veteran professional decorative artist and home stylist, specializing in custom paint finishes - including exquisite custom murals and trompe l'oeil work. Heuser's artistry can be found in some of the finest private homes in the country. The artist has been featured in *BEST Magazine*, *HOSETRENDS*, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*, *Cincinnati Magazine*, *Around the House* and *HGTV's Before After Show*.