



Sponging Techniques



Sponging is easy to master. Using a natural sea sponge and McCloskey® Special Effects® Glazes, experiment on a practice board with two techniques. For sponging, dip the sea sponge in the glaze and dab onto a dry Base Coat. For subtractive sponging, use the sponge to take off wet glaze from a painted surface.

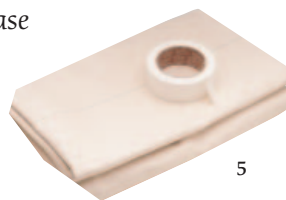
MATERIALS CHECKLIST



1) McCloskey® Special Effects® Base Coat in desired color

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2) McCloskey® Special Effects® Translucent Color, Opal or Pearl Glaze in desired color



5) Painter's Tape & Drop Cloth

6) Rubber Gloves (if desired)

7) Large and Small Natural Sea Sponges



3) Paint Roller with Base Coat Roller Cover or 3/8" Nap Roller Cover & Paint Tray

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8) Newspaper

9) Practice Board

4) Bucket of clean water

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Before starting this technique, mask woodwork, floors, ceiling and corners. Applying McCloskey® Special Effects® Base Coat is as simple as applying any latex wall paint. Follow label directions to ensure the best results. Begin by cutting in corners and edges with a high quality nylon-bristle brush. Paint large areas with a high quality short-nap roller cover. Finish each area by rolling full length from ceiling to floor to eliminate lap marks. Allow to dry for a minimum of 4 hours, or overnight.



2



Rinse new sea sponges in water to remove any dirt or grit. Dip the damp sponge into the glaze, and blot excess.

NOTE: Remove tape or masking paper if you cannot complete your project in one day, as tape left on too long may lift Base Coat.

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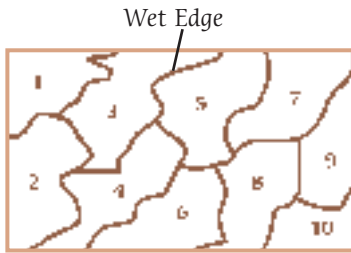
Take the properly loaded sponge and dab the wall with a light, pouncing motion. Rotate the sponge often to create a random pattern. Reload sponge when color begins to diminish.



PROFESSIONAL TIP

When you reach a corner or tight space, switch to a smaller sea sponge.

Subtractive Sponging

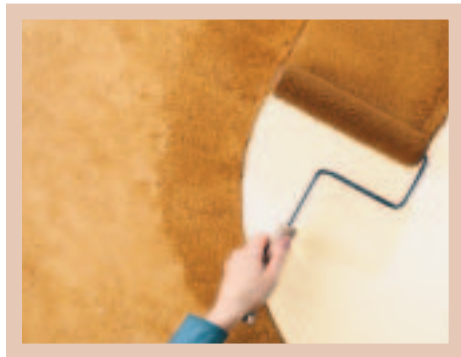


Wall 14' wide by 8' high

Apply the glaze in a jigsaw pattern as shown below, with sections no larger than 2 to 4 feet wide. Apply the glaze to the first piece (see diagram). While the glaze is wet, dab a clean, damp sea sponge onto the surface, lifting enough of the glaze to let the background color show through. Leave an area about 6" wide along the edge of the glaze untouched. Apply the next section right up to (but not overlapping) the 6" area. Then begin sponging off the previously untouched 6" area.

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Apply Base Coat. Remember, remove tape if you are not completing your project the same day.



2

Reapply tape. Using a premium quality roller, apply an even coat of Special Effects Translucent Color, Opal or Pearl Glaze in random sections, resembling a jigsaw puzzle (see diagram). Proceed to the next step quickly, before the glaze begins to dry.

3

Using a damp, clean natural sea sponge, dab the first section of glaze with a light blotting motion, vary the position of the sponge as you work. When the sponge becomes saturated with glaze, rinse in water and wring out well. Use a smaller sponge for corners and tight areas.

