
KOLORSPIRIT

PRESENTING CUSTOM FINISHES WITH A CREATIVE FLAIR

Being a painting contractor, specializing in custom, decorative finishes, is a tremendously rewarding occupation for me. There is such a satisfaction in dramatically transforming my client's home or work environment in a relatively short time, and seeing the smile on their face

when the project is completed. Many times, we are presented with unique challenges that are especially satisfying to solve, such as a recent project at the Hide-away.

The client had taken advantage of a great deal in this current home

market, and had discovered a home with beautiful stone floors, custom woodwork throughout and exotic marble in the kitchen.

The walls, however, had never been addressed and were stark, boring and lacked any color, texture or personality to emphasize or compliment the other beautiful features throughout.

The client's chief and obvious complaint, however, was a natural stone fireplace that stood out like a sore thumb. The light color and style of the stone fireplace was inconsistent with the rest of the home and created an imbalance with the beautiful, dark, custom woodwork throughout the home. Most importantly, the client hated it.

We started with the walls by creating a two glaze mottled finish on a majority of the walls. Even a relatively simple finish can dramatically transform the room and compliment the woodwork and provide a backdrop for fabric, accessories and furniture.

We wrestled with several possibilities for the fireplace, and finally came up with a twofold





technique to solve this challenging problem.

We started by priming the stone surface with an oil-based primer. The next step was to skimcoat and smoothen all the grout lines on the fireplace surface, followed by applying the primer again. Then, we basecoated the surface with a dark yellow, brownish custom color. Now, the surface was ready for glaze #1. This glaze is brushed

on with a China bristle brush to create graining. No woodgraining is complete without a second glaze to create depth and more texture. After this, we apply a water based sealer.

The surface is now ready for the muralist to create a beautiful Tuscan scene in the center of the fireplace. Of course, the mural can consist of whatever scene, style and colors the client desires, with pastoral and Tuscan style

scenes being among the most popular.

The transforming result is stunning, and the appreciating smile from the client was really rewarding. We managed to transform the environment and satisfy the client without involving expensive demolition and new finish construction, all with a relatively cost effective and one of a kind artistic solution that the client can enjoy for years to come.

With a true Adventurist spirit traceable to her Viking heritage, Magdalena left the beautiful, tiny town of Skultuna Sweden to pursue her dream of becoming an American and starting a business that would bring joy and beauty to other people.

That dream was manifested as KolorSpirit Inc., and interior, exterior and decorative painting contractor that seeks to energize, excite and enable our clients to transform their residential or business environment into a more personal and creative expression of their own dreams and character.

KolorSpirit creates these transformations via the introduction of vibrant colors, unique textures and expert, cutting-edge Faux and Decorative Painting techniques including: Custom Finishes, Murals, Marbleizing, Metal Finishes, Venetian Plaster and Embossed Stenciling

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