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weekend workshop

faded glory

A rustic new layered wall finish offers style, whimsy and unique character.

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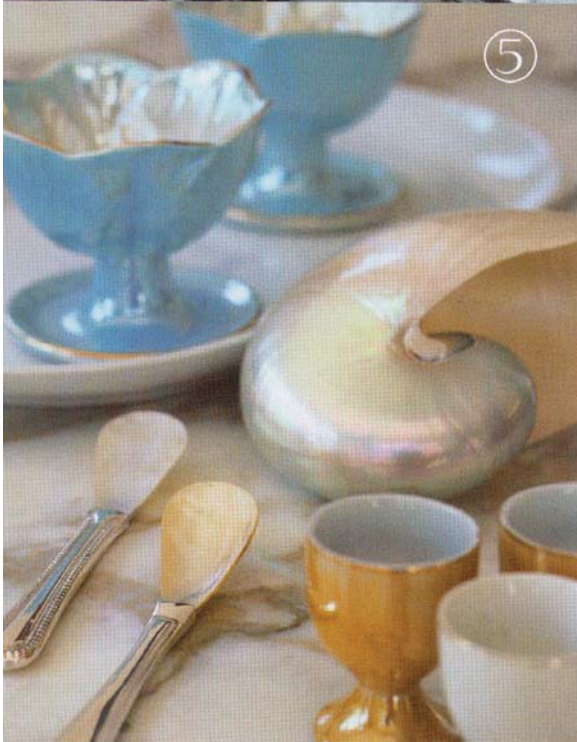
Inspired by the designer walls that have been creeping up in restaurants, modern buildings and the chicest homes lately, we worked with paint-effects artist Dan Ritano of Surface Applied Art & Design to create this artfully rustic treatment for a feature wall. The neutral palette of grey-blue, chalky white and faded reds is quiet enough to let the depth and texture of the wall act as the main focus. Understated furnishings, including a painted-wood Gustavian-style mantel, simple etched mirror and framed poster, keep all eyes focused on the wall treatment. All paints by Behr, Home Depot; all wallpaper, Waverly; artist's paints, paint extender, canvas, Woolfit's Art Enterprises; mantel, The Door Store.



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3. SOLID

Like a good, solid knife or fork, substantial hardware has a pleasing weight you can feel just by looking at. In interesting shapes and finishes it garners attention as surely as a hefty diamond ring. *Hardware, The Door Store; antique metal uniform box, Litwin Davies Collection.*

4. CRISP

Pale tones and refreshing stripes are visually bracing. Invigorate a table setting with well-laundered, starched linens bearing vintage handiwork details such as embroidery and fagoting. *Blue linens, William Sonoma; striped runner, Gustavian Directoire chair, Putti.*

5. LUSTROUS

Look to the iridescent gleam of lustreware or mother-of-pearl to imbue a magical, ethereal quality. Even just a couple of humble lustreware pieces reveal a myriad of colours. *Plates, egg cups, Finder's Keepers; mother-of-pearl spoons, nautilus shell, The Cross; blue ice cream bowls, Putti.*

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