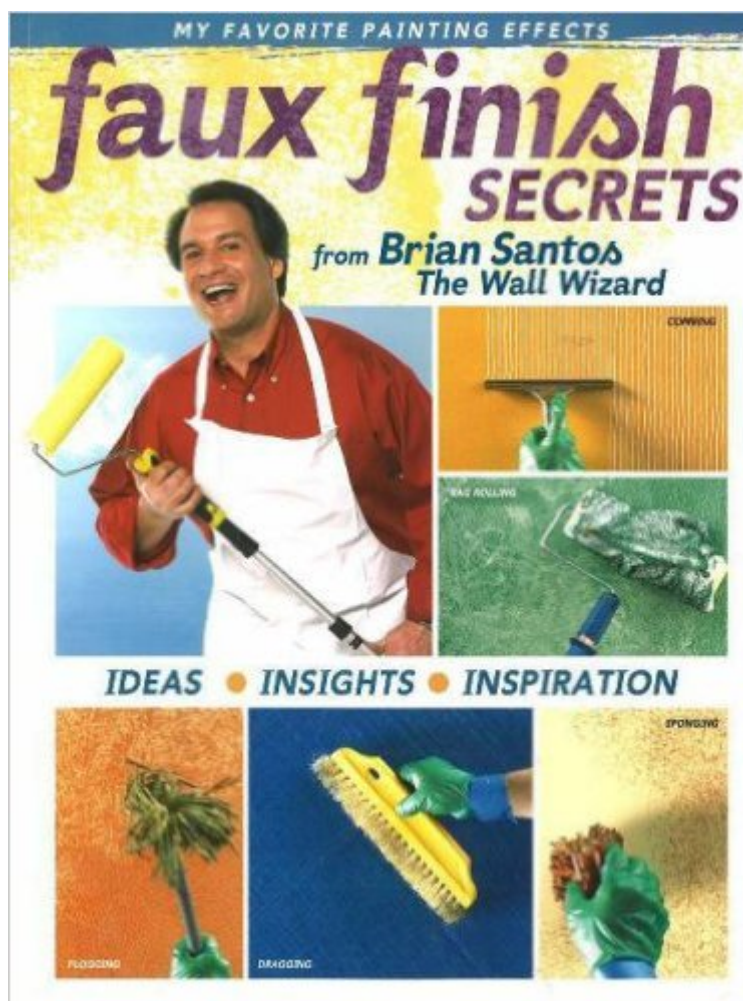


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# Faux Finish Secrets: From Brian Santos The Wall Wizard



## Synopsis

The Wall Wizard brings his painting expertise to homeowners in this innovative and fun follow-up to his first book, *Painting Secrets*. *Faux Finish Secrets* focuses attention and detail on decorative (faux) techniques, such as sponging, ragging, combing, and color wash. Illustrated step-by-step instructions demonstrate 15 of the most-asked-for faux effects, along with ideas for endless variations and combinations. Real-life questions and comments from audiences at the Wall Wizard™s popular seminars provide the basis for topics and material in this book. Includes important information on surface preparation and basic painting condensed from the pages of *Painting Secrets*.

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## Customer Reviews

I bought the book because I'd heard about Brian Santos' experience. I ordered both his books...read the "Faux Finish Secrets" first. Will rate the other once I've read it. On the positive side..the book does include many good tips on things such as prep work, choosing the right tools, paint/brush storage, masking, clean up etc. & obviously a basic run down on all those things is of vital importance for a job well done. On the negative side...I expected the bulk of the book to be a plethora of faux finish methods & not only how they're done..but the info on what was used for his samples. Nothing more frustrating than seeing his masterpiece of a bathroom on page 21..& realizing I can't duplicate it because I lack the specific information. Even more annoying was the

referral to a section for that bathroom called "rustic" which really didn't look anything like the wall treatment in that bathroom????I think Mr. Santos made a very good effort to cover the basics of faux finishing in this book...I believe the book accomplishes that goal. Perhaps I expected too much ...thinking with his broad background...I'd see many new types of finishes that aren't already readily available in all the other books.I really enjoyed his personable writing style...if he put's out a 'Faux Finishing' part 2...that may include more out of the ordinary methods & hopefully will include ALL the details needed to replicate them.

Book has many tips for how to do finishes with diy tools he's created instead of having to purchase expensive faux tools. I still have to try them out myself in the next few weeks and hope they will make good effects on projects.

Our neighbor has this book and it came with a DVD by Santos, attached to the inside front cover . The copy I purchased was the same book, but did not include the DVD. It was not advertised as having one, but I "assumed it would have it.

Packed with detailed instructions and tips. Easy to read and follow. I highly recommend this for beginners and intermediate painters. Great advice on tools, cleaning and prepping.

Great book full of different methods of faux techniques. Easy to follow instruction and information, Highly recommended book and company.

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