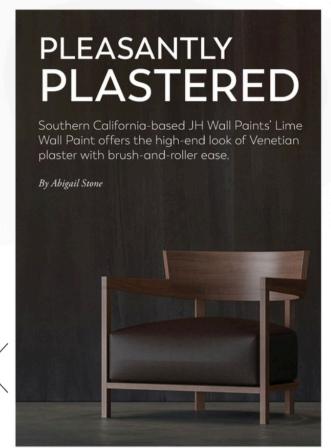


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Venetian plaster has long been the hallmark of the most beautiful homes around the world, its soft velvet sheen turning plain walls into surfaces alive with depth and texture. But, given the cost and craftsmanship needed to apply it—thin layers of plaster, handtinted and mixed with marble dust, are painstakingly burnished to a compelling glow—it's no wonder the finish has been the exclusive

provenance of the elite. Now, JH Wall Paints (jhwallpaints.com), a new Southern Californiabased brand led by husbandand-wife team Jeremy and Michele Harnish, aims to banish the experts and bring the look into the mainstream. Like its high-end inspiration, Lime Wall Paint harnesses the power of mineral pigments to refract light. Formulated to gently blossom as it dries, the result yields soft tonal variations whose mesmerizing radiance far outshines the beauty of its acrylic and latex counterparts. Yet its allure is more than skin deep. Like Venetian plaster, it's free of chemicals and additives. Its naturally derived colorings, available in 66 lush hues, help improve a home's air quality while its matte surface resists moisture, banishing worries about fungus. With its captivating result, this look's no wallflower. It's designed to shine.

TREE PARTY

Minneapolis-based furniture company Room & Board (roomandboard.com) underlined its commitment to both American craftsmanship and the beauty of our vast acreage with the launch of its Urban Woods Project, which reimagines materials destined for landfills as beautiful pieces for the home. Now, in conjunction with Sacramento Tree Foundation and Wood From the Hood, it has expanded the program to the West Coast. Wood slices from redwoods found along Sacramento's Truxel Road and English walnut trees harvested from Wheatland, Calif., have been turned into furniture with a carbon savings equivalent to keeping a car off the road for over two and a half years. Now that's driving home a message! -AS

