



MONOCOL
masterful tuscan & venetian finishes

SCHOOL OF VENETIAN PLASTER FINISHES

MONOCOL in collaboration
with **LUIGI CARIMATI**



A man in a white shirt and glasses is applying plaster to a wall with a trowel. The background shows a room with two lit sconces on a dark wall.

Who is Luigi Carimati?

Luigi Carimati, an Italian artisan, is often credited with introducing Venetian plaster to Australia, although it's widely believed that Italian craftsmen played a significant role in bringing this technique to the country. Venetian plaster, also known as marmorino or stucco veneziano, became popular in Australia in the late 20th and early 21st centuries as a luxurious interior finish.

Today, Venetian plaster is widely used by architects, designers, and homeowners for its beauty and durability.

Monocol in collaboration with Luigi Carimati have put together this comprehensive lime-based stucco and marmorino training course, that specializes in teaching traditional techniques for creating stuccos and marble-like finishes using lime. These methods are key to Italian and international decorative arts and craftsmanship.



What will you learn?

1. Lime Preparation Techniques:

- How to prepare lime-based mortars.
- Differences between aerial and hydraulic lime.
- Use of natural additives and pigments.

2. Venetian and Decorative Stucco:

- Applying lime-based stuccos for smooth or textured surfaces.
- Techniques for polishing and burnishing to achieve glossy or matte effects.

3. Marmorino Finishes:

- Creating marble-like finishes using lime mortars and pigments, including Marmorino Naturale, Marmorino Carrara, and Travertino.
- Spatula application, glazing, and blending for realistic effects.
- Marmorino Concrete finishes, such as Dado Finish or raw concrete looks.

4. Venetian Plaster for Wet Areas:

- Applying Venetian plaster on bathroom and shower floors.

5. Surface Preparation:

- Preparing various substrates before applying finishes.

6. Artistic Decorations:

- Lime painting (fresco) techniques.
- Creating decorative patterns.



Our Course

Our 3-day Venetian Plaster Basic Class offers an in-depth exploration of Polished Stucco and Marmorino application techniques. Participants will gain hands-on experience with all Marmorino grain sizes, from the extra-fine Grassello and Marmorino Fine to the more matte Medium and Coarse Marmorino. The course covers every aspect of the process, including analyzing substrates, selecting the right primer, mastering trowel application, and applying protective treatments tailored to each project type.

Practice will take place on vertical boards and small wall areas to ensure a comprehensive learning experience.

This course is suitable for all skill levels. Beginners will benefit from a strong foundation in Venetian plaster application, while experienced artisans will refine their techniques and learn advanced tips from master craftsmen with over 40 years of experience.



Is this course for you?

This comprehensive training covers everything from basic techniques to advanced finishes, giving you the skills to work with lime-based products in various applications. Making it suitable for all skill levels.

FINISHES :

- Polished Stucco
- Marmorino (Fine, Naturale & Carrara)
- Tonachino
- Concrete Stucco
- Travertine finishes
- Patterns
- Decorative plaster
- Stencelling



Course Schedule:

Day 1

- Morning (8:30 AM): Introduction to the course, overview of materials for authentic Venetian plaster finishes, and an understanding of the tools used to apply and polish these finishes.
- Lunch Break
- Afternoon: Board sample preparation and introduction to the primary 'gripping' layer application on different substrates (drywall, wood, concrete, etc.).
- End of Lesson (4:00 PM)

Day 2

- Morning (8:30 AM): Introduction to correct terminology for Venetian plaster finishes and application of the first coat.
- Lunch Break
- Afternoon: Application of final coats for various finishes, followed by an introduction to soaps, waxes, and sealers for finishes.
- End of Lesson (4:00 PM)

Day 3

- Morning & Afternoon (8:30 AM - 4:00 PM): Execute a sample for the final exam. Review of materials, pricing examples, and working out estimates for stucco and marmorino.
- Final Examination: Conducted by a panel of professional specialists.



This course aims to provide a solid foundation in Venetian plaster techniques, allowing participants to apply what they've learned in their own work. With practice, these skills will enable students to confidently create beautiful, high-quality finishes.

Who Should Attend?

This course is ideal for private individuals, artisans, architects, surveyors, restorers, technicians, and companies in the construction sector who are interested in manual craftsmanship and using natural, eco-friendly building materials.

Enrollment Details

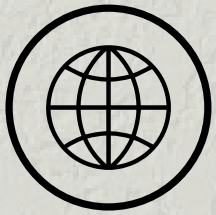
- Maximum Participants: 8 people (first-come, first-served)
- Course Location: Melbourne
- Registration Fee: \$1,200 (payment due in advance)



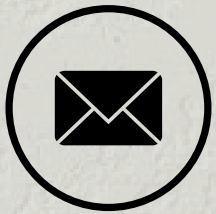
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