

# Earthen

## Care and Maintenance Guide

Earthen is an entirely natural clay-based plaster, so giving it the right care is important. Earthen is easy to look after. Keeping it clean is simple and with some straightforward maintenance, your Earthen interior clay plaster can be kept in great condition for years to come.

### How to maintain Earthen natural clay plaster finishes

#### Walls:

Other than an occasional light dusting with a soft dry cloth, no further cleaning should be required. Do not wet the surface as this will soften the clay plaster. If the wall gets wet, simply leave it to dry out.

#### Added protection:

A coat of Resene waterborne Aquapel can be applied to the finished surface. This will penetrate the surface and provide water/liquid repellent properties. Try a small test area to determine if any colour variance occurs.

#### Marks and damage to the surface.

If you have an unexpected problem and your Earthen Clay finish needs retouching, it is important any rectification or repair work is completed by the qualified Rockcote Artisan Plasterer that applied the Earthen. They'll be able to advise the best options and make repairs if necessary.

#### What not to use on the surface:

Any liquids, and/or abrasive cleaners

**Mould:** Clay plasters regulate relative interior humidity between 40% and 70%. By keeping RH between 40% and 70% research has shown that the likelihood for airborne infectious bacteria and virus to survive is the lowest. We do not expect mould to form on the surface of this product.

**Cracking:** Fine hairline cracks can occur due to the wall moving. The material can be softened and re-worked to repair if required. However if other larger cracks occur, please contact your Artisan to inspect. Do not attempt to fix yourself.



Private residence, Christchurch. Earthen Clay float finish.



Nandos Restaurant, Auckland City  
Earthen Clay, with Stencil relief.