

Four finishes. One ages on purpose.

Choosing an architectural finish is never only about color. It is about where the material can go, what it costs installed, and how it lives with time. Some finishes imitate a look. Chukum creates a material experience.



CHUKUM · MINERAL BODY



VENETIAN PLASTER



MICROCEMENT



LIMEWASH PAINT

	Chukum	Venetian Plaster	Microcement	Limewash Paint
MATERIAL CHARACTER	Mineral body with natural resin; stone-like depth	Polished lime and marble dust; refined sheen	Cement and polymer; uniform, contemporary	Mineral paint; soft, chalky, minimal relief
PATINA / AGING	Designed to patina; grows richer with exposure	Wears; polish dulls, repairs visible	Wears; sealer-dependent, may require resealing	Fades; touch-ups every several years
TEXTURE & DEPTH	3–5 mm body, burnished by hand	Thin multi-coat film, mirror polish possible	2–3 mm, smooth and even	A wash of color; no material body
INTERIOR WALLS	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Strong
EXTERIOR WALLS	Excellent; born outdoors	Limited	Strong, system dependent	Moderate; weathers quickly
WET AREAS	Excellent, centuries in wet rooms	Moderate, topcoat required	Strong with sealer system	Limited; avoid high moisture
SHOWERS	Strong, standard process	Not recommended ¹	Strong with full sealer system	Not suitable
POOLS / WATER FEATURES	Excellent; a signature use, cures submerged	Not suitable	Limited; specific systems only	Not suitable
COLOR OPTIONS	13-shade mineral collection + custom	Broad, tintable	Broad, manufacturer dependent	Broad, soft mineral tones
BREATHABILITY	High; open-pore, and Protect preserves vapor flow	Moderate; wax or sealer dependent	Low to moderate; film-forming sealers	High
DURABILITY	Base can last the life of the wall ²	Durable interior film; delicate edges	Durable; substrate and sealer dependent	Sacrificial; renews by reapplication
MAINTENANCE	Water and neutral soap; pH discipline in pools	Low; periodic re-wax on burnished work	Low; periodic resealing	Recoating every several years
APPLICATION COMPLEXITY	Skilled trowel work; teachable to plaster artisans	High; artisan multi-coat craft	High; trained applicators	Low; brush applied
TYPICAL INSTALLED COST	≈ \$9–15 installed · system materials ≈ \$2.75–4.60 ³	≈ \$6–10 basic · \$15–30+ burnished, installed	≈ \$12–30 typical · to \$75 premium, installed	≈ \$1.50–6 installed
SUSTAINABILITY	Lime, stone, tree resin; VOC-free, biodegradable	Lime based; acrylic versions vary	Cement and polymers; varies by manufacturer	Lime based, low impact
COMPLETE SYSTEM, ONE SOURCE	Yes: Adikum → Chukum → Chukum Water → Protect	Varies by manufacturer	Yes, within brand systems	No; paint plus separate primers
BEST SUITED FOR	Pools, wet rooms, facades, interiors meant to age	Formal interiors wanting a polished, classical sheen	Floors, renovations over existing surfaces	Lower-cost mineral color for simple, low-moisture walls

¹ Unless specifically formulated for wet use. ² Natural Chukum Base, properly installed; Extra Fino service life ≈ 10 years. ³ Computed from the Chukum USA 2026 price list, materials only.

INDICATIVE U.S. COST SPECTRUM · PER SQUARE FOOT



Pricing is indicative and varies by manufacturer, installer, substrate, project size, location, preparation, and application complexity; obtain project-specific quotations before budgeting.

More than a finish. A complete material system.

Venetian plaster earns its polish. Microcement earns its floors. Limewash paint earns its softness. Chukum earns something none of them can: a surface that goes from living room to pool shell, and gets more beautiful as it weathers.

Natural character

A mineral body of limestone and chukum-tree resin with organic movement and depth no synthetic film can imitate. VOC-free and biodegradable.

Made to age

Where other finishes wear, Chukum ripens. Sun, rain, and time develop an antique patina that has defined Yucatán architecture for five centuries.

The complete system

Adikum Bonding, Chukum Powder, Chukum Water, and Chukum Protect are formulated and manufactured together. No cross-brand guesswork.

Wide application range

Interiors, facades, bathrooms, showers, water features, and pools, where the Base finish is applied to the shell and cures best submerged.

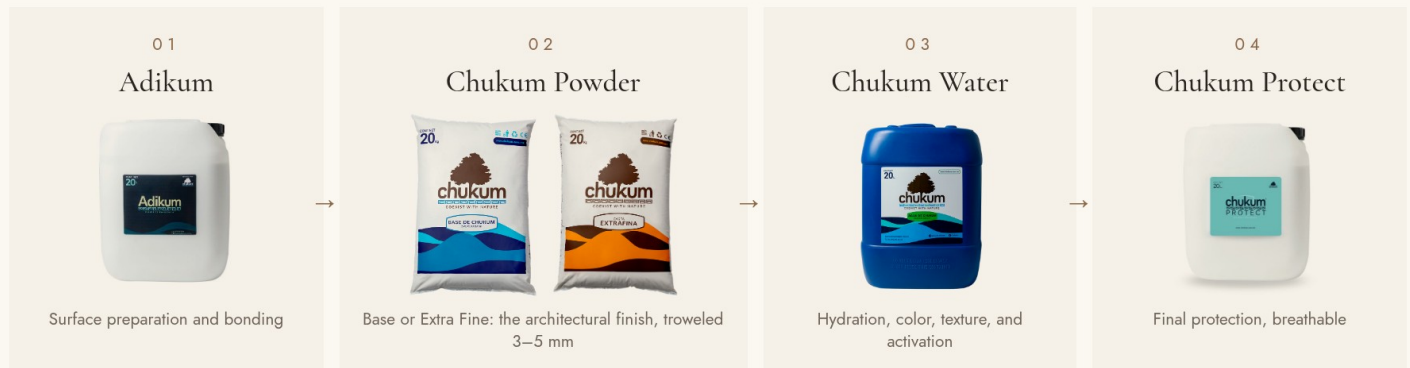
Breathable by design

An open-pore surface that releases vapor instead of trapping it; Chukum Protect reduces water uptake by 70% or more while cutting vapor diffusion by 5% at most.

One source

System, colors, technical guidance, applicator training, and support from a single manufacturer: the original artisanal fabricators, since 2009.

A COMPLETE SYSTEM · ONE MATERIAL LANGUAGE



Every component is formulated to work with the next. The result depends on the system, not simply the finish. Applied over a prepared substrate, burnished under a steel trowel, and protected without sealing the surface shut.



FOR ARCHITECTS & DESIGNERS

Materiality first: depth, texture, movement, and thirteen mineral shades plus custom color, specifiable as one complete system across interiors, facades, wet rooms, and pools. A patina that gives the architecture a life in time. A finish with soul, not just a finish that covers a wall.

FOR PROFESSIONAL APPLICATORS

One system of compatible components and a predictable process: no guesswork over bonding agents or sealers, no failures from substituted products. Application guidance, training, and technical support from the people who make the material, for professional results every time.