



### Welcome

I am very excited to be able to introduce to you our EFEX catalogue. This book and catalogue all rolled into one is designed to inspire you with some great ideas on how to use EFEX flexible mouldings and trims.

We all want our homes to be unique and show our own special style. In todays mass produced market it's not easy to buy what you really want. But.... It is easy to repaint your favorite pieces and add some EFEX.

Change is good for the soul so get to a flea market for car boot sale and find some bits you like. Up cycling furniture is so rewarding and satisfying you will enjoy the challenge.

All you need is paint, contact adhesive for the Efex and the results are yours to enjoy while you paint and glue.

Our new tag line says it all with EFEX it is super easy to "make your home chic, make it unique".

Enjoy

Penny Whiting MBE

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### All About Efex

Efex are mouldings and appliqués designed for furnitue and home decor. They are the only fully bendable mouldings on the market today. Other mouldings can't bend without steaming or heating and must be applied to flat surfaces. Efex are totally flexible and can wrap around corners or complex shapes. Just glue your embellishment with contact cement. No nailing or clamping needed. They can be cut to size or changed.

Efex can be applied to wood, plaster, metal, glass, almost everything. Use them on furniture, walls, doors, or mirrors. They can be painted, gilded, even stained. And stand up well outside.

For forty years efex flexible mouldings have been made in New Zealand until.....four years ago a chance meeting with our artist friend Margaret Woolley led Lydia Langston to become the new owner of the company.

Efex are handmade in Rockland Maine and Auckland New Zealand. Lydia Langston along with her New Zealand partner Penny Whiting have decades of experience in making products that will enhance any part of your home.

Over 180 different styles are available, in ten categories such as: Bows, Swags, Rosettes, and our Signature Flexible Trims. These modern reproductions exhibit all the intricate detail of the original classic designs.

This year we have added a new line of ultralight mouldings. These non flexible large appliqués have a flat back to stand proud above mirrors, cupboards, or headboards.

All styles originate with historical patterns of the 16th and 17th centuries. We travel the world to find new and unique masters for our molds.

Please see the attached flyer or website for prices and additional products.

# Applying Your Efex



Step 1 - Use pencil or chalk to outline the efex on your project. Chalk is recommended if you are staining the final product.

Step 2 - Use contact cement like ADOS F2 to glue your efex. Brush the glue on the back side of the molding and on the surface you are attaching it to. You do not need a thick coating of glue on either piece.

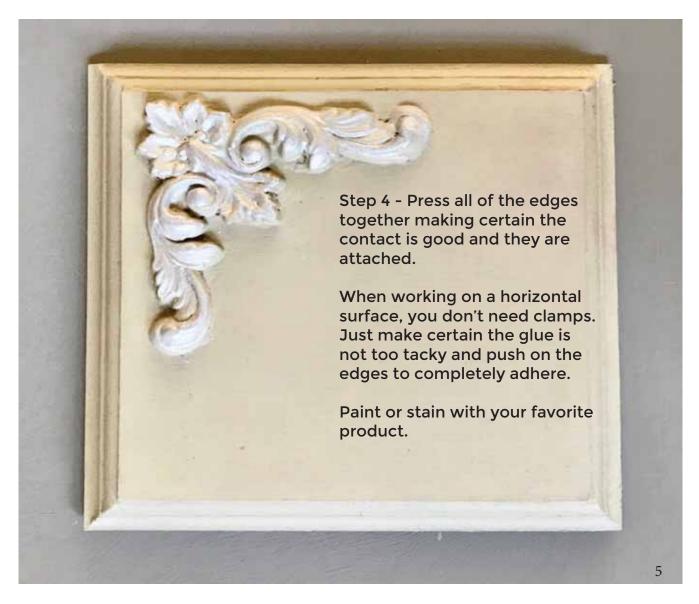


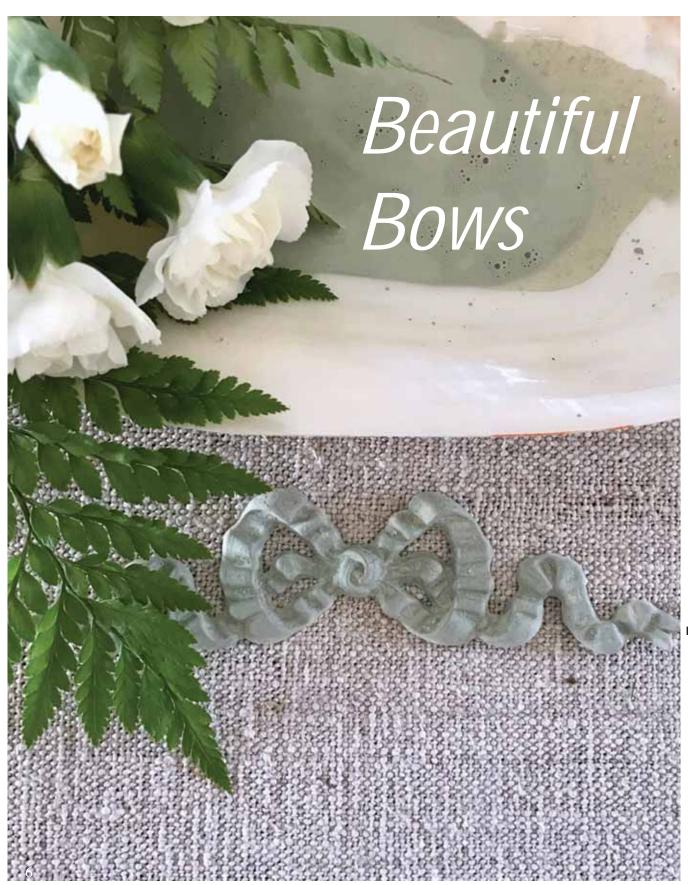
Step 3 - Wait until the glue is just dry. Depending upon temperature and humidity this takes around 15 minutes. If the glue is still tacky you won't get a good bond so patience is key.

When the glue is dry to the touch, carefully press the molding onto the glue covered surface. Carefully align the molding before step 4.

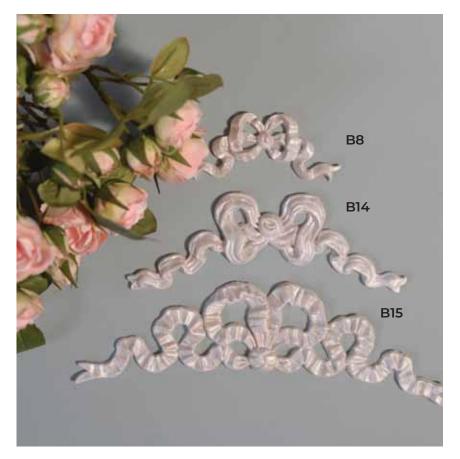
Wait until the contact glue is dry, about 15 minutes and paint away.

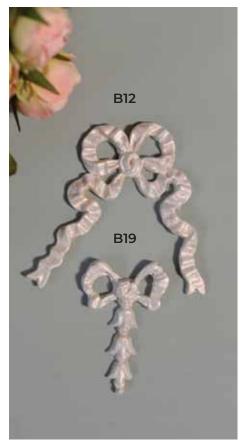






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B1 - 160 x 75MM WREATH WITH RIBBON

**B4 - 150 x 40MM RIBBON BOW** 

B7 - 120 X 135MM BELL FLOWER WREATH WITH RIBBON

B8 - 90 X 45MM PETITE BOW

B12 - 115 X 78MM RIBBON BOW

B14 - 170x45MM SINGLE BOW WITH LONG RIBBON

**B15 - 230 X 60MM FRENCH BOW** 

B19 - 50 X 70MM SMALL BELL FLOWER

B21 - 100 C 110MM BELL FLOWER WREATH WITH FLAT BOW.

For other styles please see our website www.efex.co.nz





C6 - 110 x 70mm LEAF CORNER - Sold in pairs

C45 - 120 x 80mm LEAF AND SCROLL - Sold in pairs

C7 - 95 x 60mm FLEUR DE LIS - Sold in pairs

C8 - 80 x 80mm GOTHIC CORNER - Sold in pairs



C20 - 200 x 120mm SHELL AND LEAF C38 - 180 x 110mm NEOCLASSICAL CORNER

Unavailable

C31 - 180 x 120mm DOUBLE SHELL C36 - 170 x 120mm GREEK CENTER FLOURISH

## History

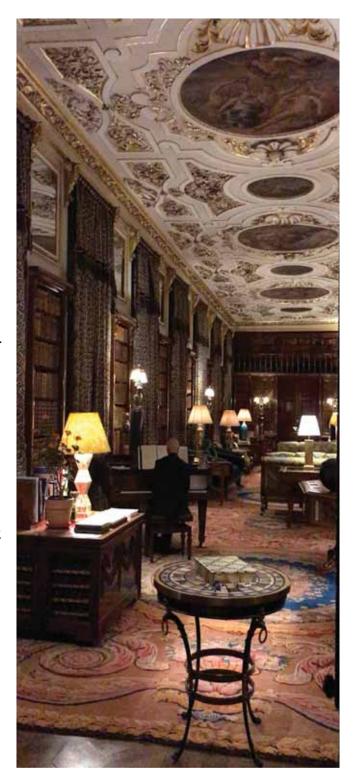
Greek Key, Egg and Dart, Bell Flower, names that describe a dazzling array of decorative motifs. So... what is the story of these grand embellishments of the 16th and 17th century?

Stretching from the courts of Vienna, Bonn, Paris, and London these architectural plaster details have their roots in ancient Rome, Assyria, and Greece. These designs are carved on the Coliseum, the Acropolis and the Temple of the Mount and all became hallmarks of Neoclassical Style.

Palladian, Adams and others, returned from the grand tour of Rome and Athens with dreams of a new or neoclassical style. Robert Adams, the famous English architect decided that the key to his new classic style was designing the entire house. Working closely with furniture maker Thomas Chippendale he provided the designs for everything, from wall plaster to furniture carvings.

Popularized by the frescos of Italy, plaster work spread across the continent like wildfire. For centuries fine stucco with ornate gilding became the hight of fashion.

Specialized artisans installed these designs. The Adams brothers had a division dedicated to plaster. While other builders used a family from the Swiss border called stucatori who like gypsies, roamed England and Ireland plying their trade.





#### HANDMADE HISTORY

Every one of our mouldings are hand made and historically accurate.

Today we reproduce all of our patterns in modern materials and sizes that fit our home and today's lifestyle.

Think of it as a modern neoclassical tradition. All still handcrafted just with an updated twist. Molded and poured instead of being carved in wood or plaster.









D1 - 20 x 130mm PICTURE ON PAGE 36

D2 - 48 x 97mm ROSE DROP

D4 - 18 x 140mm BELLFLOWER DROP

D8 - 30 x 160mm ADAMS DROP

D17 - 20 x 115mm NEOCLASSIC DROP

D18 - 30 x 160mm FEDERAL DROP

D9 - 88 X 140mm SHELL AND BELLFLOWER

D20 - 40 x 32mm BELL FLOWER

D21 - 25 x 330mm BELL FLOWER

D25 - 20 x 560mm FEDERAL COLUMN

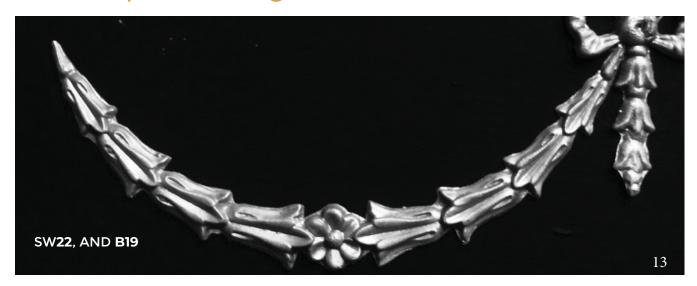
**D26 - 10 x 290mm DAINTY LEAF** 

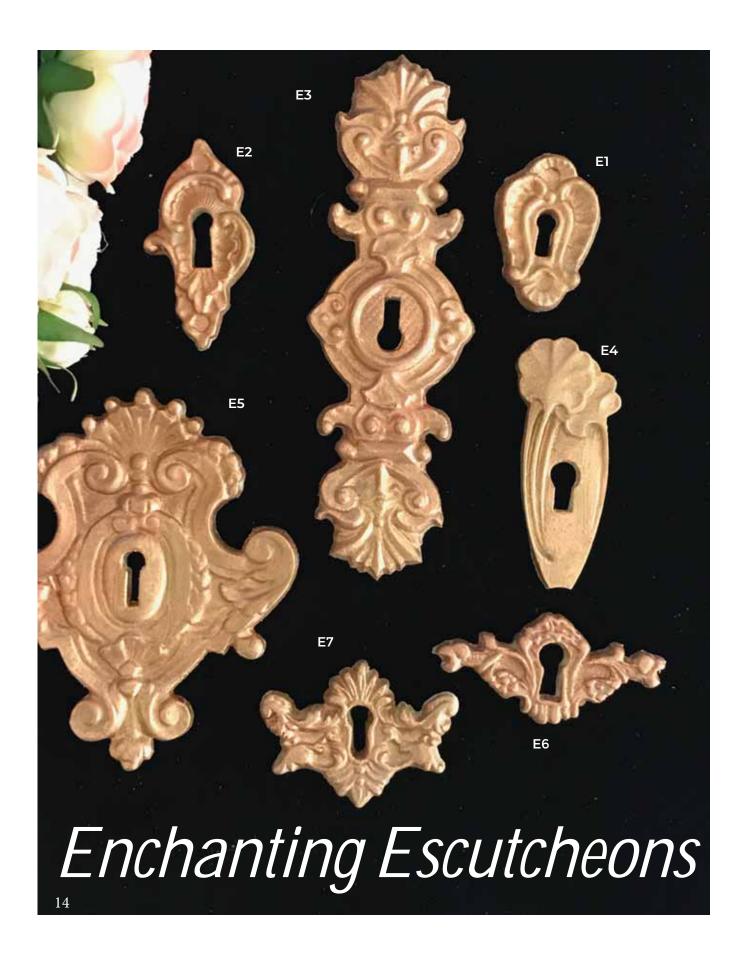




Drops are one of the staples of Neoclassical Style. When mixed with swags they add a wonderful grandeur to mantels, drawers, and mirrors in every home.

#### Drops and Swags The Perfect Combination







**E1** - 22 X 35MM SMALL

**E2** - 28 x 52mm medium

**E3** -40 X 121MM LARGE

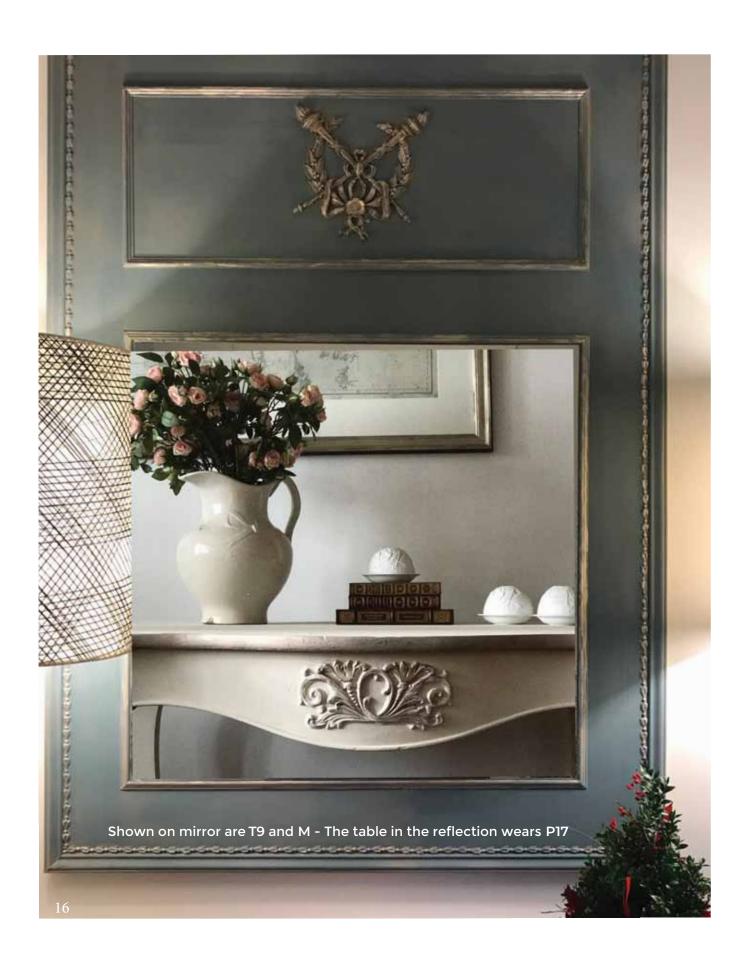
**E4** -20 X 55MM ART DECO

E5 - 76 X 90MM NEOCLASSICAL

**E6** - 55 x 25mm dainty victorian

**E7** - 45 x 35mm victorian

**E2** - SHOWN ON BUREAU



## Q & A with Lydia Langston

Have you always been a maker?

Yes, even when I was a scientist I was always making things and thinking up new ways to repurpose old things - even repurposing scientific ideas.

What is your favorite design style?

I am totally drawn to French Sea Side Style, a term coined by the French author Sebastian Sirauedau. Combined with French Country and a little Scandinavian thrown in, it says everything about my design aesthetic.

What is your favorite travel destination?

We travel alot and have been all over the world but I would say it's New Zealand with Scotland coming in a close second. London and Paris are also great places to visit, even though especially in France we have spent a great deal of our traving time outside of cities in the country such as Normany and Provance.

What is your favorite efex project.

That is hard to actually pick just one, but I guess it is the Trumeau mirror to the left. It hangs in our entry hall and reminds me of France every time I walk in the door.

What do you do in your free time?

When not traveling we spend much of our free time racing our classic sailboat *Leaf*. When we're not racing travels also include crusing and adventuring all over the globe.

How do you name the moldings?

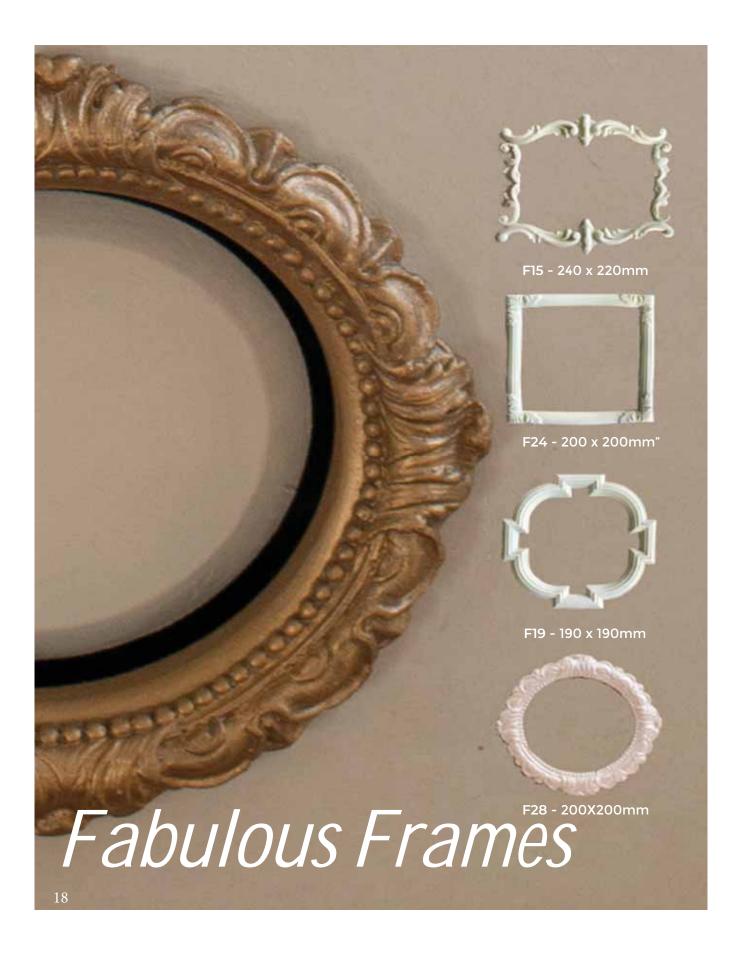
The moldings names are often from our travels. M was named for Madame when I was in Paris with several girl friends. Madame X was named after a picture by John Singer Sargent. I was reading the book about her called Strapless when I found the molding.

What can't you live without?

My husband, labradors, coffee, cashmere, wine, my apple devices, and sailing.

What is your favorite movie/TV show?

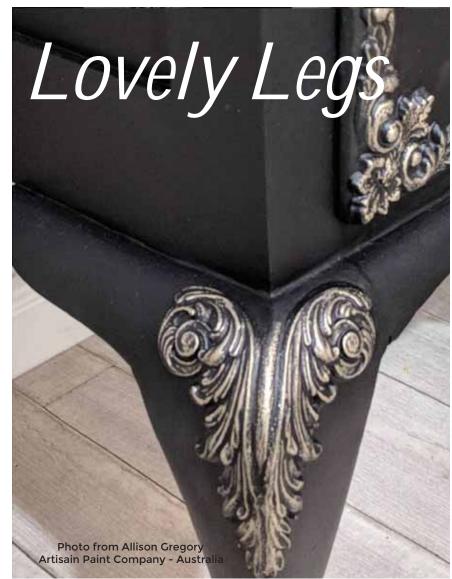
I love period dramas like A Place to Call Home, The Crown and Victoria. For movies I can't pick just one. As a child I knew all the words to Gone With The Wind by heart every word in all three plus hours of the movie! Then it was Out of Africa, I knew the words to that by heart also. That was transplanted by The Duchess and now it's Australia. You can see that there is a theme to all four of these, they all revolve around making a home.













# The Art of Margaret Woolley

A short story of how we discovered Efex in New Zealand

Etherial paintings of Arabic ladies and mountains in Pakistan hang above stunning painted french antiques. Or are they really antiques?

In the home of Margaret Woolly some are antique some are not. All are bespoke and painted herself.











# Art and Antiques In New Zealand

Margaret Woolley has been a friend for over five decades. Over the years, we have spent many a wonderful times with our friends, sailing, and adventuring.

We have several of Margarets fine art paintings in our home, She is and has been a well know fine art painter in New Zealand for decades.

Imagine my surprise when visiting her new home one day I said "Margaret where did you get those beautiful mirrors.?" Her answer "I made them dear."

Small exasperated sigh on my part, as in my head I am silently thinking, well yes I understand you might have painted them but they are carved and very French. Again, where did you get them? I think.

Before I could look silly and ask again she had vanished to the other end of their house. Humm... what's up? Upon her return, she was carrying a brown paper bag with cut up bits of moldings, that were flexible.

"I made them out of these." she said handing me the bag.....somewhere between an instant affair of the heart and lighting. Wow, these are cool!

A walk around her home in Auckland is a visual treat. Inside and outside, lovely pale french style is shown off with mirrors and her art. Modern Impressionist and Neoclassical Style blend seamlessly together.

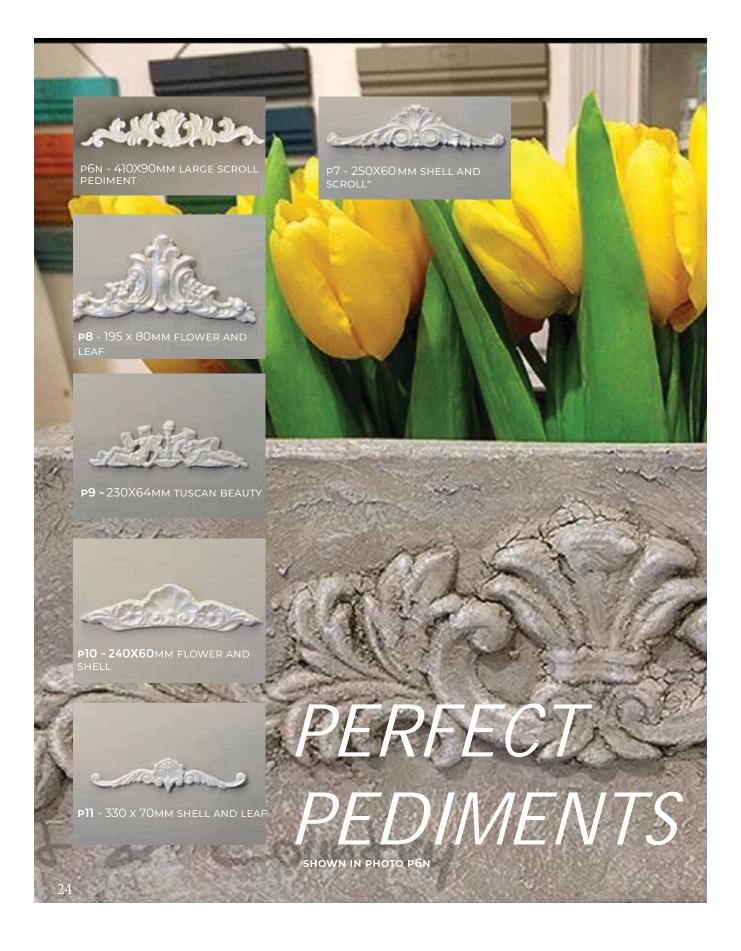
Not only has she introduced us to these beautiful mouldings but she also provided the use of the original plaster to make our ultralight swag. Which I have named the Margaret. I can't wait for this spring to see what she has created this year.

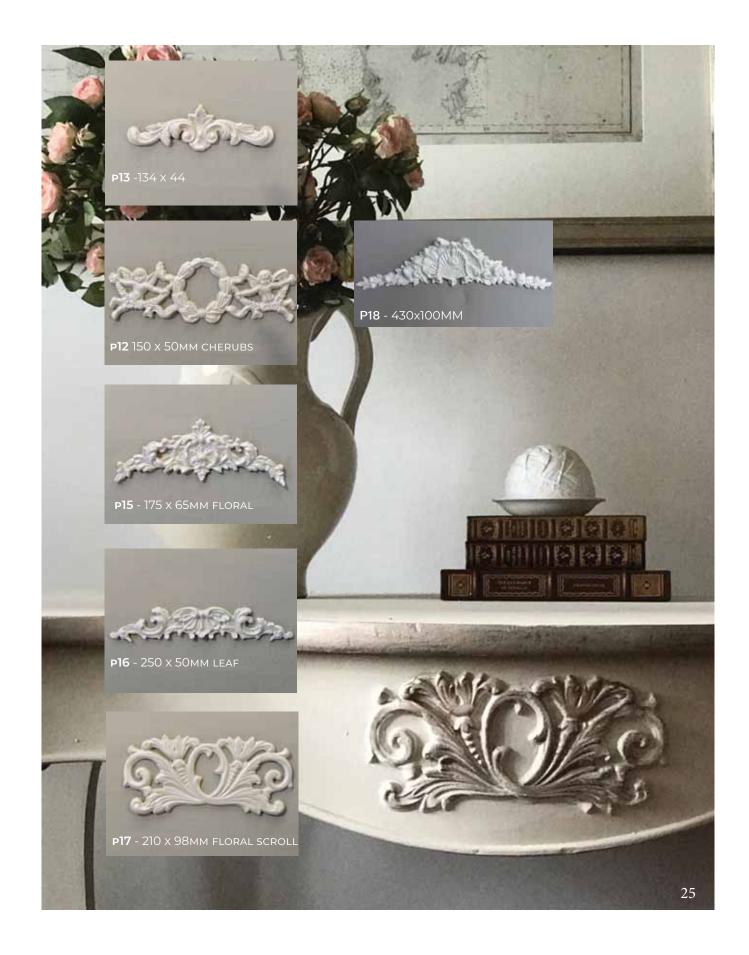


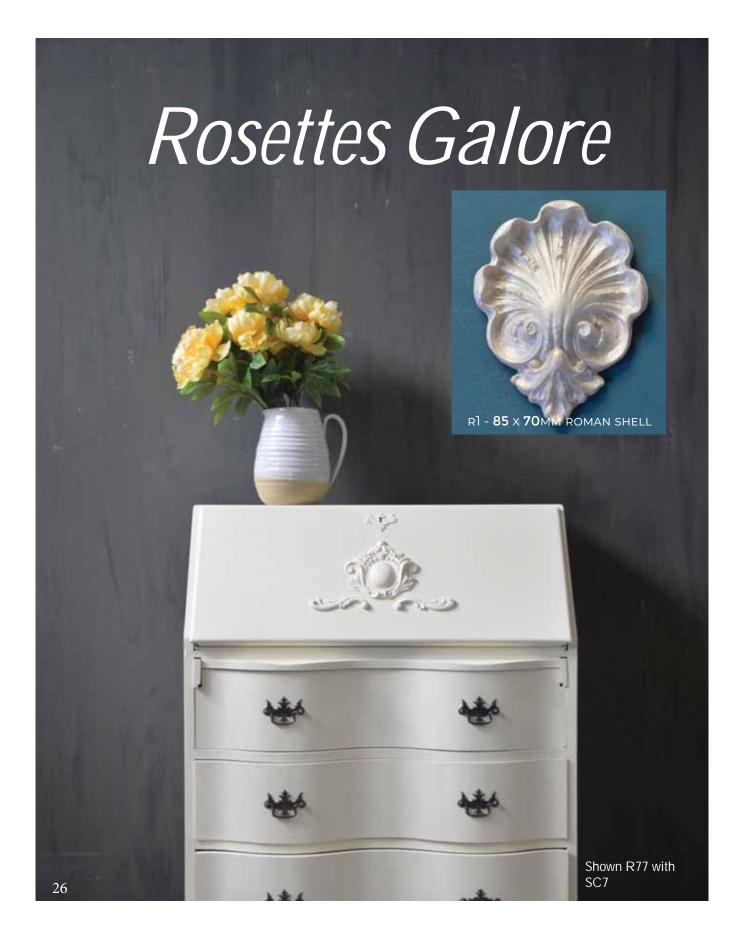














R2 - 77 X 125MM GREEK SHELL



R3 - 90 x 118mm roman shell



R4 -65X85MM SHELL



R5 -94 X 140MM CHERUB



R6 - 96 x 140mm roman urn



R7 -80 x 150mm federal urn



R8 - 50 x 50mm nordic circle



R9 - 75X75MM POPPY ROSETTE



r10 - 75X75mm neoclassical rosette



R11 - 85 X 110MM FEDERAL URN



R14 - 85 X 110MM CLASSIC OVAL



R16 - 120 X 40MM ROSEBUD



R17 - 130 X 38MM LARGE ROSE-BUD



R18-108 x 63MM CELTIC



R26 - 130 x 70mm floral oval



R29 - 105 X 62MM SUNFLOWER



R30 - 114 X 229MM FEDERAL SHIELD



R35 - 70MM ROUND ROSETTE



R38 - 120 X 110MM SALEM URN



R39 - 70 X 143MM TALL URN



R183 - 90x50MM CHERUB



 $R41 - 90 \times 130 MM$  RIBBON AND TORCH



R47 - 90 X 265MM FEDERAL SHIELD



R50 - 180 X 130MM CHERUBS



R60 - 115 X 125MM GREEK FLOURISH



R61 - 253 X 116MM ROMAN FLOURISH



R72 - 40MM PETITE FLOWER



R74 - 35 x 52MM SMALL FLORAL



 $\ensuremath{\text{R77-145}}\xspace \times 130\ensuremath{\,\text{MM}}\xspace$  neoclassical shell



R78 - 115 x 145mm roman shell



R81-58 X 80MM DROP SHELL



R88-140mm Chatsworth II



R90-200 x 90mm balmoral urn



R93-10 x 160mm gothic rosette



R108 - 50MM FLOWER



R111 - 120 X 117MM CHATSWORTH



R113 - 210 X 152MM FLORAL CENTER PIECE



R114- 65X70MM FLOWER



R149 - 150x100MM LION FACE



R116 - 60X80MM SMALL SUNFLOWER



R117 -275 X 195MM GOTHIC CENTERPIECE



M - 250X260 MM FLAME AND WREATH



 $\mathsf{FDL1} - 68 \times 95 \mathsf{MM} \; \mathsf{FLEUR} \; \mathsf{DI} \; \mathsf{LIS}$ 



FDL3 - 65 X 73MM FLEUR DI LIS

FDL4 - 75 x 85MM FLEUR DI LIS

FDL5N - 65 X 75MM FLEUR DI LIS



















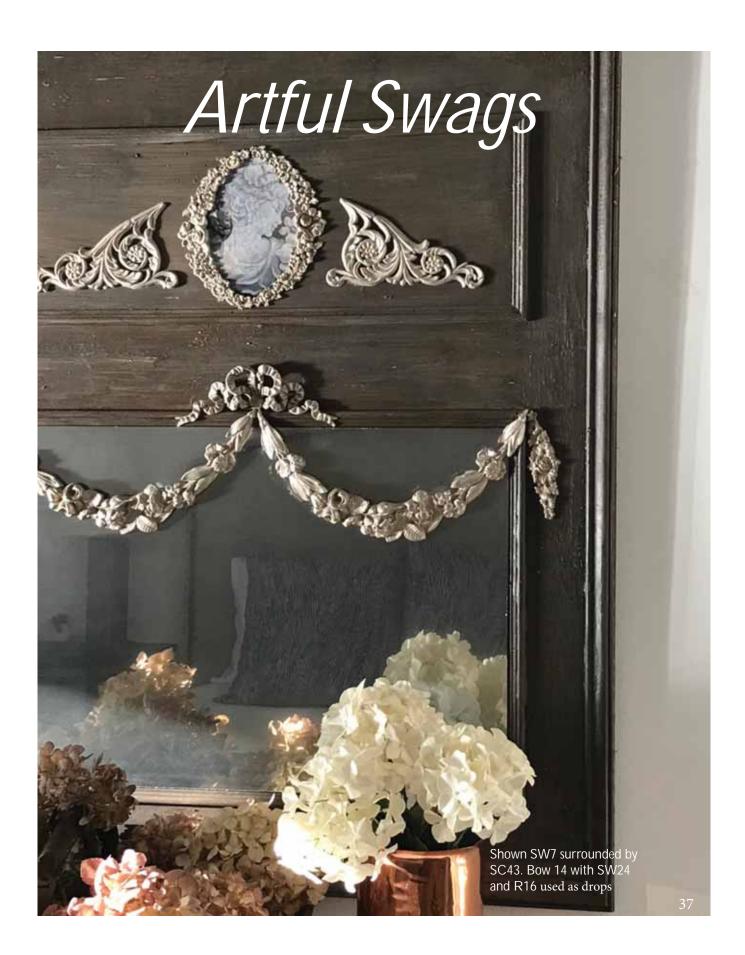


### Gustavian Grandeur

Named Gustavian Style after King Gustav of Sweden this style flourished in nordic climes after the kings extensive travels to the Court of Louis the XVI of France. Upon returning home he began redecorating in the rococo style of Louis with a paired down aesthetic that was more in keeping with his countries ethos. We have put to gether a series of mouldings that fit the feeling of this wonderful paired back style. (With more coming soon.)

From top to bottom, R74 32 x 52mm, C1 80 X 80mm SW1 135 x 70mm D1 46 x 97mm













Our fully flexible trims can be used for an almost endless range of projects.

They can be wrapped around a table, bent at right angles, mitered on corners, or even cut to make different patterns. Most are around four feet long with a width varying from half an inch to three inches. These are the only fully flexible trims available on the market today.

**T8** - 1170 x 14MM

T 9 - 1170 x 14MM T9 AND T10 SHOWN TOP OF THE OPPOSITE PAGE ARE A PAIR OF DAINTY TRIMS BOTH WITH A SMALL BELLFLOWER DESIGN ONE IN A STRAIGHT STRIP THE OTHER AS A MINI SWAG AND DROP.

**T10** - 1120 X 42MM MINI SWAG AND DROP.

**T13** - 1100 x 40mm shown on the right is the perfect little french trim.

T14 - 650 x 106mm shown on The Bottom of the opposite PAGE IS A GREEK SCROLL THAT IS AN INTRICATE YET VERSATILE TRIM. IT CAN BE GLAMOURS OR FINISHED WITH METAL EFFECTS TO LOOK LIKE WROUGHT IRON.















T19 - 1160 x 6MM ONE OF OUR TWO BEAD TRIMS, THIS ONE A PETITE LITTLE BEAD READY TO ADORN ANY DAINTY BOX, MIRROR OR DESK. WE USED IT HERE ON A THIS FAUX MARBLE TABLE WITH A SMALL INDENT ON THE EDGE.

**T23** - 1170 x 41 MM SHOWN BELOW OUR CELTIC TRIM IS A LITTLE BIT LIKE AN IRISH LASS. SHE IS SOPHISTICATED WITH A LITTLE BIT OF SASS.



T26 - 1100 x 38mm shown on the upper right on the trumeau mirror is a classic french trim which is ready to adorn anything you want. Oui, this trim would fit perfectly in your paris apartment.

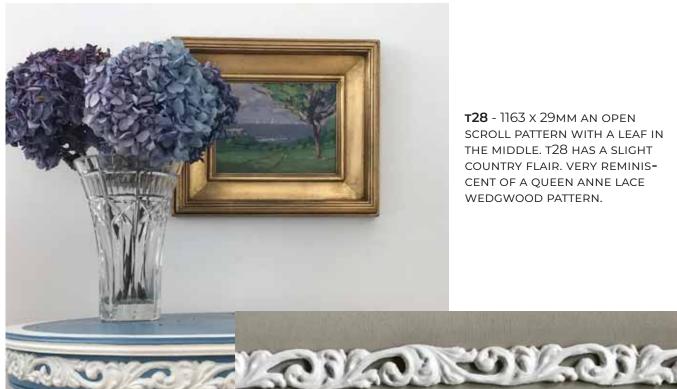
T27 - 1150 x 22MM SHOWN
BELOW IS THE PERFECT ART
NOUVEAU STYLE, FROM PARIS TO
MANHATTAN, COMBINING GEOMETRIC SHAPES, ARCS, PARABOLAS, AND SEMICIRCLES (THINK OF
THE ARCHES OF THE EIFFEL TOWER). GILDED OR COVERED WITH
FOIL, IT IS ESPECIALLY PERFECT
COVERED IN GOLD ON A BLACK
BACKGROUND.











**T28** - 1163 x 29mm an open SCROLL PATTERN WITH A LEAF IN THE MIDDLE. T28 HAS A SLIGHT COUNTRY FLAIR. VERY REMINIS-CENT OF A QUEEN ANNE LACE WEDGWOOD PATTERN.

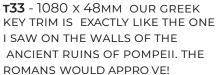






T31 - 1150 x 70mm the glamorous rococo acanthus leaf in all its french glory. This trim can be cut and used as corners or shaped into different intricate patterns.

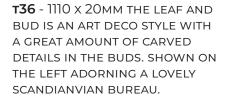
THE PROJECT ON THE LEFT IS A FABOULOUS DIY PROJECT WHICH ELEVATED A PLAIN HEADBOARD TO THE EXTRAORDINARY







**T34** - 1290 x 75MM FULL ACANTHUS LEAF TRIM. THE QUINTESSENTIAL LARGE NEOCLASSICAL TRIM. WORKS WELL ON TABLE SKIRTS AND MIR-RORS







**T43** - 440 x 70mm the wheat and flower trim is a little bit country, a little bit farmhouse and very chic.

SUPER FLEXIBLE FOR TABLES OR DRAPE IT DOWN FOR A TOTALLY DIFFERENT LOOK.



T47 - 1090 x 15MM QUINTESSENTIAL DENTIL MOLDINGS.DATING BACK TO THE GREEKS AND ROMANS. IT IS FOUND ON THE TOP PEDIMENT OF THE PARTHENON. OUR DENTIL TRIM COMES IN TWO SIZES. AND IS A STYLE THAT NEVER GOES OUT OF FASHION.

**T50** - 1020 X 10MM IS THE SMALLER SIZE.

















**T52** - 760 x 20 mm the perfect rope trim. Not just a coastal embellishment, rope trim is a sophisticated addition to a table or bureau

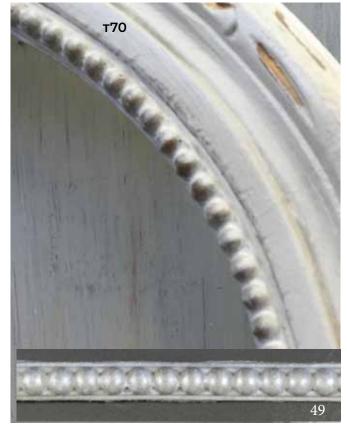
 $\mathbf{753N}$  - 840 x 12mm small version of our rope trim (not shown)

**T58** - 990 x 20mm french federal drop and swag. Straight from the court of Louis XV or the sitting room of thomas Jeffersons Monticello.

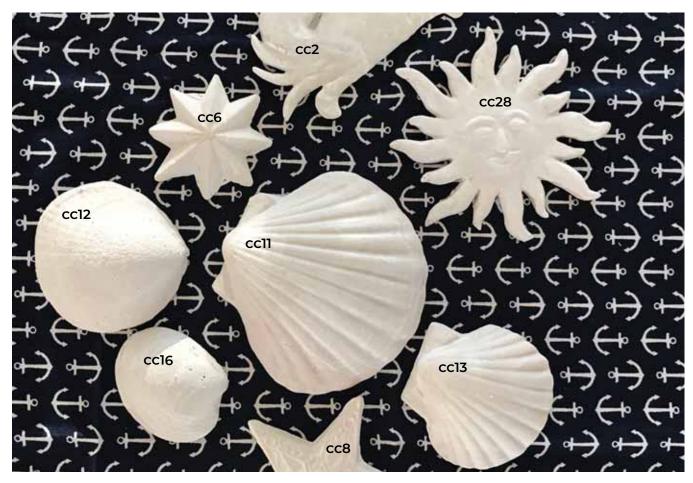
**T64** - 1230 x 92mm port anyone! A perfect swag and bow trim on a large scale. With a solid back this is delightful on large table skirts and mirrors.

**T63** - 1116x18MM OUR REED AND BUD TRIM IS SIMILAR TO A CLASSIC BAMBOO TRIM BUT A LITTLE MORE SOPHISTICATED. SHOWN HERE ON A SMALL TABLE BUT WORKS GREAT ON FRAMES AS WELL.

**T70** - 1180 x 10mm elegant bead trim, think of it as pearls for your furniture . This is the larger version of our bead trim.



# Coastal Classics



ccl - 85 x 65mm lobster - shown below

cc2 - 110 x 50mm crab

cc6 - 53MM COMPASS ROSE

cc7 - 70mm simple star

cc8 - 70mm ornate star

**cc12** - 63 x 60mm clam shell

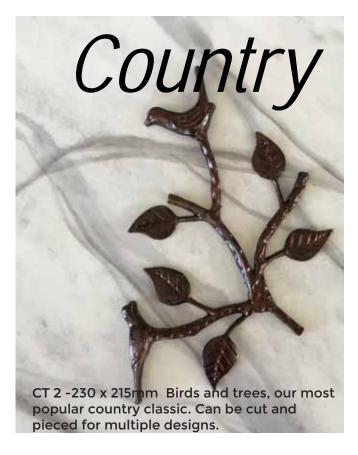
cc11 - 85 x 95mm large scallop shell

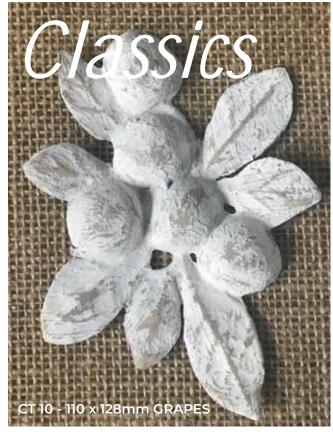
CC13 - 60 X 60MM SMALL SCALLOP SHELL

cc16 - 45 x 52mm small shell

cc28 - 85mm sun

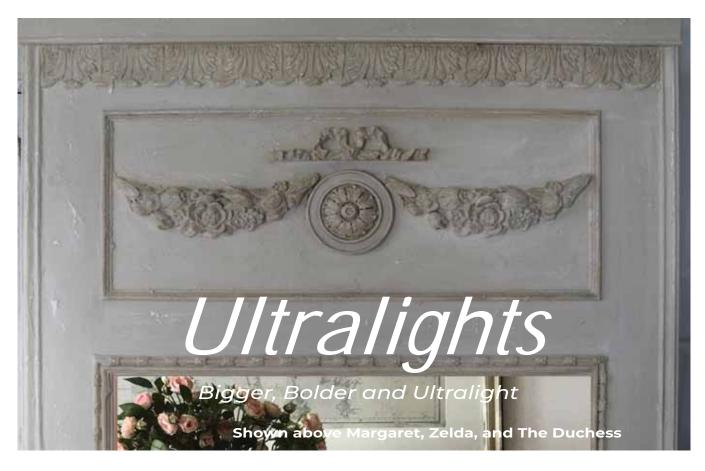


















Ultralights are a new way to reimagine moldings for the uses we find in todays homes. For now we have eight styles with many more in progress. The names are inspired by the places we have visited, books we've read and movies we have seen.

Over the years that we have been making Efex we have had many requests for larger moldings with more depth.

We had also collected several original bronze medallions and some large plaster appliques - one of which was an antique that Margaret Woolley had at her home.

However, when you make larger moldings of a certain size you begin to add both depth and weight to the final product. Original bronzes are heavy and must be nailed or screwed into place. Plaster is fragile and must be glued with clamps making it hard to attach to vertical surfaces.

We wanted to make a few moldings that could sit proud above a surface and still be pretty when viewed from the side. Therefore it needed to have a flat back.

Our design parameters were to make a large applique that is light enough to be easily glued on a vertical surface.

Reaching this objectives took on the air of a science project with many experiments. Not all successful. Traditional compo was too heavy as was standard resin. In the end working with some boat building friends we developed a new resin formula that is fully paintable as well as, well...

"Ultralight"

















## **Enchanting Painted Efex**













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