

Metropolitan Museum of Art: British Galleries, Kirtlington Park, NYC. c.1745 Casein Paint removal/Substrate and paint consolidation/Application of Hand-made Distemper Paint

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Kirtlington Park Dining Room (c.1745 Oxfordshire, England) is one of three rooms in the British Galleries at The Metropolitan Museum of Art. During the restoration in 2019, CMCS removed a casein finish applied in 1995 and installed a hand-made traditional distemper paint identified in recent paint analysis. The wooden elements were cleaned and painted with a modified acrylic to simulate a traditional linseed oil application. The work included consolidation of the substrate and existing paint layers on both walls and wooden elements.









Casein paint removal/ plaster repair



Conditions during treatment



During treatment





After Treatment



After Treatment



After Treatment