



Above: contemporary silver leaf entry ceiling
Right: lustrous silver gilded hall details
 Both by [Willem Racke Studio](#)

"I love using metal leaf, as it adds a depth and richness to a surface that can not be replicated with paint. A gilded ceiling can work in either a traditional, or ultra modern setting, and adding leaf to a texture brings it to life." - Willem Racke

Tastemakers: a variety of designers are being brought in to imbue these spaces with their own vision of eclectic, stand-out furnishings and art

Authentic craftsmanship: from shopping at Artsy to customizing wallcoverings and fabrics, there's a feast of wildly diverse, original design from both larger suppliers and fledgling boutique ateliers.

Exceptional materials: many studios are relishing the opportunity to adorn ceilings and walls with various types of gold and metal leaf. These metals help create an environment that glows with sophistication but also hospitality – key when you're enticing someone to buy a place to call their own. The variety of precious and non-precious metal leaf colors enhance the mood of the home: inviting yellow gold, warm red gold, shimmering palladium and silver, contemporary white gold, and of-the-moment rose gold.



Impeccably polished white gold leaf ceiling by [gildingnycinc](#)

Precious and non-precious metal leaf effortlessly bridges modern and traditional design, combines glamour and hospitality, and adds the ultimate wow factor with unique personality.

With the current construction boom in many urban centers in America, it's a challenge to create an element of surprise that distinguishes one property from its neighbors. As prospective buyers search for something special within the extraordinary number of luxury dwellings available, it's easy to see how they can have trouble remembering one interior space from another. How to transform a "residential unit" into a spectacular, memorable, and yet welcoming home? There are several exciting decorative strategies for model apartments in play now.



Above: Gilding is ideal for architectural surfaces and for decorative frame elements: "white gold and aluminum silver fit perfectly into the black, white and gray color palette and add the perfect visual texture that only metal leaf can." - Sharon Loccisano, master finisher at [Thomas Riley Artisans' Guild](#)

Designer: Joie Wilson Interior Design
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Brilliant highlighting of traditional architecture with 23 karat gold leaf by [Mark Randall Studio](#)

-Jennifer Longworth

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