

## HANGING INSTRUCTIONS FOR PAPER BACKED TEXTILE WALLCOVERINGS

### Important Notice

- Many of the above imported natural wallcoverings are handcrafted from natural materials and finished with color washes.
- **These materials are fragile, exercise care in handling to avoid damage.** Avoid folding or creasing which may create markings on the product. **No adjustment or claim will be considered because of variation in color or shading once material has been cut.**
- There are often slight irregularities in the natural fibers and coloration. Seams may be obvious upon installation and there will be a panel effect. This variation is the natural characteristic of these wallcoverings and it is not considered a defect.
- All rolls must have the same production number. Hang in sequence as cut from bolt starting with the highest first.
- **WALLS MUST BE PROPERLY SIZED. AFTER WALLS ARE PROPERLY PRIMED, ROLL OUT ONE COAT OF ADHESIVE AND ALLOW TO DRY.** This will help protect any puckering from shrinkage of the paper backing.

### Prior to Installation

- Examine each roll to be sure the product is what was ordered. Each bolt should be rolled out so color and shading can be examined to your satisfaction.
- **Carefully inspect the installation after applying three strips before proceeding. If, at any time during the installation, a discrepancy occurs, stop.** Contact the designer or thesign before proceeding.

### Wall Preparation

- Proper wall preparation is essential. Generally, they must be smooth and clean. Wallcoverings will not adhere to dirt, soap or grease.
- Remove all old wallcoverings. Clean walls. Prepare with wallcovering primer. If working around switch plates turn off electricity.
- Remove any loose or flaking paint and fill cracks with packing compound.
- Sand to a smooth finish, sand off bumps. This material may telegraph defects on the wall so walls must be smooth.
- **Always apply a single coat of pigmented sealer on new and unpainted walls followed by a wallcovering primer / sizing, such as Romans R-35.**
- **AFTER WALLS ARE PROPERLY PRIMED, ROLL OUT ONE COAT OF ADHESIVE AND ALLOW TO DRY.**

### Important Notes for Application

- A pre-mixed, non-staining, clear, non strippable water-based adhesive should be used, read the label. Apply paste with roller to ensure even application taking care not to get adhesive on surface. Do not use a pasting machine. Booking vary with backing and climate. Paste and hang one strip at a time. Avoid excessive soaking. Treat your product with extreme care.
- Installation by straight up or reverse hanging are down to personal preference. Panelling will be more obvious with reverse hangs.
- Wallcoverings are **pre-trimmed and can be butt jointed**. Equally, **it is possible to overlap and double cut the joints**, use a new sharp blade is used for each cut.
- Avoid the use of a hard roller or overworking on the seams as this may damage the edges. Use a soft rubber roller if necessary.
- All seams should be taped using **only low adhesive tape (safe release tape)**, such as 3M Blue tape 1 1/2", to keep the face of the seams clean. Smooth material to hanging surface with a soft bristle brush to ensure good adhesion.
- If you have an external corner the material should be wrapped around by at least 25cm (10").

**AFTER APPLYING THREE STRIPS**, if there are any variations in color and or pattern match, please contact us immediately for inspection. Do not proceed. Natural wallcoverings do however tend to panel lightly on occasion.

**Do not hang more than 3 strips. Carefully inspect the installation of the 3 strips before proceeding. If at anytime during the installation a discrepancy occurs, stop to contact the designer or thesign.**

PASTE: something the installer has to decide with their experience. Pastes we have worked with include Tekfix Plus and Brewers Red Lid.

**DO NOT USE A PASTING MACHINE WITH THIS PRODUCT.**