

## INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

### WALLCOVERINGS: TAM TAM, TOBAGO, VISTA

#### Important Notice About Materials

- Do not attempt to cut or install this material until you have read the instructions below in full.
- All rolls must have the same production dye lot number. Hang drops in sequence as cut from roll.
- Avoid folding or creasing that may create markings on this product.
- In certain designs, seams may be obvious upon installation. This variation is the natural characteristic of these wallcoverings and it is not considered a defect. Please consult with your designer or Instyle if you have any questions regarding seams and the paneling effect of certain products.

#### Prior to Installation

- Examine each roll to be sure the product is what was ordered. Each roll should be rolled out so colour and shading can be examined to your satisfaction.
- If working around switch plates, please turn off electricity.


#### Wall Preparation

1. Strip wall of any existing wallcoverings, and remove any loose or flaking paint. Fill any cracks with packing compound and sand any bumps for smooth finish to prevent imperfections from telegraphing through material.
2. Clean wall and remove any dirt, grease, or soap. Materials will not adhere if not properly cleaned.
3. Monitor wall moisture levels. A wall that is not properly prepared or that has too much moisture content may not be conducive to proper adhesion.
4. Always apply a single coat of pigmented sealer on new and unpainted walls, followed by an acrylic or latex primer / sizer that is made specifically for wallcoverings.

#### Important Notes for Application

- We recommend a heavy duty, pre-mixed, clear, non-strippable water based adhesive be used.
- Product has a non-woven backing. Apply adhesive generously, as this backing will absorb more than other products. Do not water down adhesive.
- Apply a liberal coat of paste with roller to ensure even application, taking care not to get adhesive on surface. Do not use a pasting machine.
- Paste and hang one strip at a time.
- 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 Instyle before proceeding.

#### Hanging and Trimming of Materials

- Products can be both table trimmed or overlapped and double cut. Use a new blade and straight edge on each cut. If overlapping and double cutting do not score wall as this will result in seam separation. Final decision of this rests with the installer and the conditions of the installation.
- For random match patterns reverse hanging is recommended. 
- Work each strip vertically. Horizontal strokes should only be used to close small gaps in the seams or to align the pattern
- All seams should be taped using only low adhesive tape (safe release tape), such as 3M Blue tape. This is to keep the seam surface clean when overlapping and / or butting materials.
- Use a soft bristle brush and wooden or padded roller to carefully apply wallcovering to the wall. Do not use a metal knife or stiff sweep. Avoid over working seams to prevent damage to edges.
- Most materials can be wrapped around a corner. Materials will soften once adhesive is applied to back of paper. When wrapping an external corner, material must wrap by at least 15cm.

## CARE AND MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS

### ECOSKIN WALLCOVERINGS: TAM TAM, TOBAGO, VISTA

#### Cleaning

- General maintenance can be achieved with periodic dusting or vacuuming of wallcovering. We recommend when vacuuming that you only use a soft brush attachment to avoid damaging the material.
- Exclusive PointeShield® protection provides for an easy care surface but does not protect against intentional stains such as permanent marker .
- Most soiling and ballpoint pen marks (except permanent marker) can be wiped away with a clean dry cloth. Ensure cloth is non-abrasive to avoid scratching the wallcovering surface

#### Marks and Stains

- When cleaning marks and stains, we recommend you test on a sample or inconspicuous portion of the wallcovering before proceeding to be sure that there will not be an adverse effect on colour or gloss.
- Remove ordinary dirt and smudges with a mild soap and warm water solution.
- Only use soft or natural sponges, an abrasive sponge can damage wallcovering.
- More care should be taken in cleaning dark colours due to the possibility of causing 'light marks'.
- Always use a blotting action rather than a rubbing or scrubbing motion to avoid abrasion.
- Lightly rinse material with clean water and sponge after cleaning.
- Dry immediately with soft, lint-free cloth or towel.
- Rubbing alcohol (isopropyl alcohol) can be used to clean any residual soiling. We recommend you test on a sample or inconspicuous portion of the wallcovering before proceeding to be sure that there will not be an adverse effect on colour or gloss. Following cleaning guidelines as above.
- Exercise caution as alcohols are flammable. Use only a small amount and keep clear of any source of ignition. Wearing protective gloves is recommended

#### Disinfection

- EcoSkin<sup>SF</sup> can withstand disinfection with a 10:1 bleach solution.
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