

## INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

### WALLCOVERINGS: MINKA

#### 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 in sequence as cut from roll starting with the highest number first.

#### Prior to Installation

- Examine each roll to be sure the product is what was ordered.
- Product claims will not be considered on cut or installed material after (3) three panels have been hung.
- There are often slight irregularities in the natural fibres of MINKA. This variation is a natural characteristic of this item and is not considered a defect. Seams maybe obvious upon installation.
- Grasscloth is hand-woven and variation in colour and texture will create a panel effect on the wall. It is advisable to cut and layout all drops for MINKA prior to installation to panel properly from light to dark.
- It is not uncommon to trim material up to 8cm on each side prior to hanging MINKA to minimize discolouration at the seams.
- If working around switch plates, please turn off electricity.

#### Wall Preparation

1. Proper surface preparation is key. It is recommended to hang product on new plasterboard.
2. If new plasterboard is not available, strip wall of any existing wallcoverings, and remove any loose or flaking paint and old adhesive. Fill any cracks with packing compound and sand any bumps for mirror smooth finish to prevent imperfections from telegraphing through material.
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. Apply 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 to be used. Do not dilute the adhesive.
- Apply paste with roller to ensure even application taking care not to get adhesive on surface. Do not use a pasting machine and avoid excessive soaking of material.
- Installation location must be climate controlled. Booking varies with backing and climate. Take into consideration the humidity and temperature of your workspace when hanging all materials. Booking times generally vary between 8-15 minutes depending on the material and installation climate.
- 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

- MINKA is an untrimmed product and is intended to be table trimmed and butted on the wall. Please use a new blade and straight edge on each cut.
- Because panelling can be expected MINKA is recommended to be reverse hung 
- Hang in sequence as cut from the roll. Paste and hang one strip at a time.
- 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 clean sponge and clean water to remove excess glue from seams.
- Use a soft bristle brush and wooden or padded roller to carefully apply wallcovering to wall. Do not use a metal knife or stiff sweep. Avoid over working seams to prevent damage to edges.
- MINKA can be wrapped around a corner. Materials will soften once adhesive is applied to back of the paper. When wrapping an external corner be sure to wrap corner by at least 15cm.

## CARE AND MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS

### NON-VINYL WALLCOVERINGS: MINKA

#### 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. We do not recommend the use of dusting sprays as these chemicals may alter the colour of the goods.

#### 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 finish, colour or gloss. We recommend you follow the bullet points listed below for the removal of ordinary dirt and marks.

- Use a mild soap and warm water solution. Avoid all solvent based cleaners.
- Only use soft or natural sponges, an abrasive sponge can damage wallcovering.
- Use a very conservative application, as soaking wallcovering may damage material. It is recommended you ring out your sponge prior to cleaning to ensure it is damp but not wet.
- Due to the delicate nature of certain finishes, care should be taken to not cause wear to the surface. Always use a blotting action rather than a rubbing or scrubbing motion to avoid abrasion.
- More care should be taken in cleaning dark colours due to the possibility of causing 'light marks'.
- After cleaning a light wipe with a clean sponge dampened with clean water is recommended to remove any soap residue. Again avoid over wetting the wallcovering.
- Dry immediately with soft, lint-free cloth or towel.