

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

WALLCOVERINGS: ESSENTIALS

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.
- 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. Lighting and other environmental conditions may influence the paneling effect. Please consult with your designer or Instyle if you have any questions regarding seams and the paneling effect of certain products.

Mould + Mildew

- This wallcovering is intended for use in buildings not subject to moisture accumulation in a wall or wall cavity. The site must be checked for any moisture infiltration issued before installation. Do not proceed if there is visible moisture damage / infiltration issues. Moisture issues must be addressed by an experienced professional before installation.

Prior to Installation

- Check each roll to ensure the correct product has been received. Each roll should be rolled out so colour and shading can be examined to your satisfaction. Examine materials prior to any cutting.
- Turn off electricity if working around switch plates.

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. Glossy surfaces should be sanded to dull the surface.
3. Clean wall and remove any dirt, grease or soap. Materials will not adhere if inadequately cleaned.
4. Monitor wall moisture levels. A wall without proper preparation or has too much moisture content may not be conducive to proper adhesion.
5. Always apply a single coat of pigmented sealer on new and unpainted walls, followed by an acrylic or latex primer / sizer made specifically for wallcoverings. For dark patterns use a grey wallcovering primer or a tinted primer similar to the colour of the wallcovering. Wall surface should have a uniform colour throughout the installation area. Any discolouration or variations on the wall may affect the final appearance.

Important Notes for Application

- We recommend using a mould inhibiting, pre-mixed, heavy-duty, clay-based adhesive. 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.
- 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.
- Paste and hang one strip at a time.
- Carefully inspect the installation after applying three strips. If, at any time during the installation, a discrepancy occurs, stop. Contact the designer or Instyle before proceeding.

Hanging and Trimming of Materials

- Materials are untrimmed.
- For non-match wallcoverings, reverse hanging is recommended.
- For materials with a pattern match such as Traveler and Shield, straight hanging is recommended and start the pattern match at eye level.
- Wallcovering may be table trimmed or overlapped and double cut.
- 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.
- As each strip is installed, remove excess adhesive from the surface. Always use a clean sponge and clean water to wipe seams.
- To remove air pockets, sweep face of wallcovering using a standard vinyl smoother.
- Do not score wall when overlapping and double cutting, as this will result in seam separation.

CARE + MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS

VINYL WALLCOVERINGS: ESSENTIALS

Cleaning

- General maintenance can be achieved with periodic dusting or vacuuming of wallcovering. When vacuuming, a soft brush attachment must be used to avoid damaging the material.

Marks and Stains

- When cleaning marks and stains, we recommend testing a sample or inconspicuous portion of the wallcovering before proceeding to ensure there will not be an adverse effect on colour or gloss.
- Remove ordinary dirt and smudges with a mild soap and warm water solution. Avoid all solvent based cleaners.
- Only use soft or natural sponges, an abrasive sponge can damage wallcovering.
- Avoid soaking wallcovering as this may damage material. It is recommended you ring out your sponge prior to cleaning.
- 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.
- Very lightly rinse material with clean water and sponge after cleaning.
- Dry immediately with soft, lint-free cloth or towel.

Bleach

- Spot clean with diluted bleach solution (10 parts water:1 part bleach).
- Pretest a small inconspicuous area before proceeding.
- Apply the diluted bleach solution using spray or sponge.
- Take care to avoid mixing solution with other cleaning products and work in well-ventilated area.
- Make sure to rinse thoroughly with clean water to remove all cleaning agent residue.
- Wipe dry and let air dry.