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Hanging Instructions

- This is high quality wallpaper that should only be hung by a qualified and experienced decorator. This wallpaper is not vinyl-coated. It is fragile when wet and extra care should be taken during the hanging process.
- Walls must be sound, dry, clean and free from grease or any other contaminant that might affect the adhesive or penetrate the wall covering. All old wallpaper, backing and lining paper must be removed and any holes or cracks filled.
- Powdery, flaky and/or absorbent surfaces must be scraped back and painted with a good quality primer sealer, following the manufacturer's instructions, and allowed to dry thoroughly.
- Previously painted surfaces must be washed down, sanded with glass paper to create a key, and then painted with a good quality primer sealer as above. In the UK we recommend Zinsser 'Shieldz'.
- All walls or ceilings must be cross lined with an 800-1000 grade lining paper. Avoid white lining paper for dark colours.
- To avoid white edges showing at the seams when hanging darker wallpapers on imperfect surfaces, it is recommended that a crayon of an appropriate shade be used, *before hanging*, to colour the white ends of the roll.
- To minimise the hazard in the event of fire always ensure that your wallpaper is firmly stuck down. Do not hang wallpapers over expanded polystyrene veneers or any other such flammable products.
- Check that the rolls delivered are free from obvious defects and have the same production date and/or batch number. All papers are supplied on the understanding that the product will be carefully inspected prior to use.
- Do not assume that the wallpaper will come off the roll the right way up. This should always be checked and if unsure, consult the pattern book or check with the retailer.
- Match the pattern at eye level and use a spirit level and faint pencil line to ensure the wallpaper is vertical.
- Paste: We recommend using a light grade, solvent free, fungicide protected, starch based, pre-mixed tub paste - available from Halls Beeline in the UK and 'Metylan-Special' paste in the USA. Corn starch pastes, PVA or PVC type adhesives and All Purpose or Extra Strong pastes are not recommended due to the risk of paper discoloration.
- Apply paste evenly to the paper, paying particular attention that the edges are fully pasted.
- Allow to soak for 4-5 minutes for the paper to become supple. Take care not to crease the paper when folding.
- Do not over soak as the water content in paste can deteriorate the paper fibre under even the slightest pressure. For this reason do not paste more than one cut length at a time.
- Do not allow paste to contaminate the printed surface as the pattern may lift when wiped whilst wet.
- If paste does come into contact with the surface of the paper immediately remove it by gently and carefully wiping with a clean, damp sponge. Do not use soap or other cleaners.
- Whilst ensuring wallpaper is firmly stuck down, avoid rolling the seams too soon as this will squeeze paste out of the seam area and may cause seam shrinkage. Overworking the seams can burnish the matt appearance of the printed surface and should also be avoided. A felt seam roller and not a sponge, is recommended.
- After hanging one roll, check for any shading, printing faults and that the wallpaper is hung the correct way up.
- At this point if you are unhappy, **STOP**.
- No claims will be considered if more than one roll is hung and any claim is strictly limited to the replacement of faulty wallpaper only and does not include any labour costs whatsoever. To continue to apply material which may be defective can involve additional costs for which compensation could not be justifiably claimed from the manufacturer and/or supplier, even if the wallpaper later proves to be defective.
- Inspection Requirements: The essential function of inspection is to ensure compliance with the specification. It is not a substitute for proper supervision of the work by the contractor or buyer or a means of compensating for an inadequate or incorrect specification. Ad hoc inspection of work in progress cannot be regarded as an effective method of ensuring compliance with the correct specification.
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