

## Hanging instructions for Self-Adhesive Wallcovering

### 1) Equipment needed

For the best results we recommend you use good quality tools. You will need:

- Large 1M steel ruler
- Tape measure
- Pencil
- Plumb line
- Large scissors
- Paper hanging brush
- Seam roller
- Sharp trimming knife

All these items are readily available at your local hardware store.

### 2) Product.

Our self-adhesive wallcovering is a vinyl product that has been thoroughly tested for this application. It is 160 microns in thickness, back coated with a super strong adhesive and release paper. We print with a 6 colour process using colour fast ink which is eco friendly and totally water resistant. For extra protection we matt laminate the surface of the print giving an extremely tough scuff resistant surface.

The wallcovering is supplied to your individual ordered size in equal width drops of no more than 800mm each for easy handling. There is a 10mm overlap between each drop and an extra 25mm cutting in allowance on all four sides of the overall dimensions.

For single panels ordered up to 1000mm in width, the wallcovering will be supplied in a single drop.

### 3) Preparation and marking up.

As with all wallpaper hanging techniques, make sure the wall is thoroughly prepared. It must be filled and absolutely dry, free from flaking paint, grease and never paper over existing wallpaper.

If the wall you are covering has been previously painted, paint a line with a 25mm brush on the wall where it meets the skirting, ceiling or coving and adjacent walls. Choose a colour close to the general background of the print so if your trimmed edges are not 100% the existing wall colour will be less noticeable.

We always suggest you hang your wallcovering from left to right. You will need to make a vertical plumb line to start your hanging as the corners of your room are extremely unlikely to be absolutely vertical or square. This line ensures your first and all subsequent drops of wallcovering are hung completely straight.

Measure along the wall from the left corner the width of your first left hand drop less 25mm for cutting in. Using the plumb line, mark a vertical line from the ceiling to the skirting board at this point.

This line marks the position of the right hand edge of your first drop. The left hand edge of this drop will go around the left corner by approximately 25mm.

#### 4) Hanging method

Your ordered finished wallcovering dimensions are produced with an extra 25mm on all four sides to allow for the possible rise or fall of the floor to ceiling levels.

With the wallcovering face down on a clean surface, peel off about 150mm of the release paper from the top of the first left hand drop.

With the adhesive side to the wall offer up the right hand edge of the drop against the vertical line marked on the wall making sure it is equally spaced top and bottom.

It is best if two people do this, one on a ladder holding up the wallcovering and the other positioning the drop exactly to the plumb line.

Once it is positioned as accurately as possible start to smooth the wallcovering onto the wall where you have peeled back the release paper using downward and outward strokes with the paper hanging brush. This ensures that the wallcovering makes good adhesive contact with the wall and brushes out any possible bubbles.

Brush the wallcovering to the wall up to the ceiling then continue to peel off the release paper in small stages working your way down with the paper hanging brush as you go until you reach the skirting board. Use the paper hanging brush to push in the corners, top, bottom and left hand side.

Using the metal ruler, press the edge into the corners and trim off the excess with the sharp trimming knife where your wallcovering meets the adjacent wall, ceiling and skirting.

Position the left edge of your next drop overlapping the right hand edge of the previous drop by about 10mm matching the printed image.

Using the same hanging technique repeat for this and all the remaining drops trimming away any excess to the right hand adjoining wall.

To get the best results care must be taken not to let the wallcovering stick to itself or be positioned incorrectly as it has a very high adhesion level. If this does happen, extreme care must be taken when peeling the wallcovering away as damage or distortion may occur.

To remove stubborn bubbles, prick them with the trimming knife and slowly smooth the bubbles away towards the piercing.

When all drops have been hung and trimmed, use the seam roller on all the edges and overlaps to ensure a good adhesive bond with the wall.

#### 5) Cutting around switches and sockets.

For light switches and sockets first turn off the power supply to the unit. When you reach the switch or socket, without peeling back the release paper from that section, mark the four corners of the face plate as accurately as possible on the wallcovering.

Make two diagonal cuts between the marked points.

Cut off most of the four triangular flaps making an opening slightly smaller than the face plate.

Unscrew the face plate from the wall slightly and ease it through the cut aperture in the wallcovering.

Peel off the release paper of that section making a tear in it to get passed the back of the socket or switch and brush the wallcovering onto the wall making sure to tuck the flaps in behind. Re-tighten the face plate screws, turn on the power supply when the job is completed.

#### 6) Papering behind radiators.

Wherever possible, take the radiator off after draining down the system if necessary. This makes for a much better job. If this is not possible, with the release paper still in place, cut the wallcovering to the required shape to drop down over the radiator mounting brackets. Remove the release paper and smooth the wallcovering against the wall using a radiator paint roller.

#### 7) Care

Clean only using a damp cloth. Do not use harsh or abrasive cleaners which may tarnish the surface of the wallcovering.

#### 8) Uses

The wallcovering can be used in most domestic and commercial environments, but caution must be taken in areas of high humidity i.e. bathrooms, saunas, poolside areas etc.

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