
Inchworm Design, Inc.



Wallcovering
Hanging

Instructions

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General Hanging Instructions (See below for vinyl)

INSPECTION

- Upon receipt of goods fully inspect all rolls to ensure that you have received the correct pattern
- Check for possible color variations and other technical defects prior to cutting any rolls or hanging any wallcovering
- Do not cut or hang any material until you have fully read the hanging instructions and undertaken a thorough inspection of the goods
- Natural hand-made wallcovering is recommended to be installed by an experienced professional installer. No claims are allowed for material costs after the installation of more than three drops. Absolutely no claims will be accepted for labor or incidental costs
- Only full uncut rolls in the original factory wrapping are accepted for return providing they are returned within 30 days of invoice. All returns are subject to a 35% handling fee with all freight prepaid

WALL PREPARATION

- Carefully prepare the wall before hanging. The wall should be smooth, solid, dry and clean
- Remove any dark stains or patches on the wall to ensure the wall is evenly colored. Apply lining paper where applicable
- Do not hang over glossy or non-porous areas. Painted walls should be rubbed down to remove grease or soil and glossy paint should be rubbed with an applicable sand paper
- Pre-paste porous wall surfaces such as plaster board or chip board. Never hang over new plaster or un-primed wall areas
- Grasscloth has good permeability, however if moisture sources are not eliminated at the origin, no surface material applied to walls will prevent moisture accumulation. If in doubt, contact an experienced professional familiar with national building conditions and permeability issues prior to installation.

PREPARATION OF LENGTHS (COLOR & BATCH SEQUENCE)

- All lengths within a roll need to be cut, numbered and hung in the same sequence of strips, rolls and batches to ensure as even an application of color and texture as possible on the wall
- Check each roll for variances in shading and test shades on opposite walls. Plan your installation by laying out the strips, reversing them to allow for any subtle shading. Hang the strips in the planned sequence
- Measure and cut 3 strips. Ensure all lengths are cut to size, leaving approximately 2" -3" (5-7.25 cm) for trimming at the top and bottom of each strip
- Paste, trim and hang only one strip at a time

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ADHESIVE APPLICATION

- All products should be hung using a quality non- staining pre-mixed adhesive or a non- staining cellulose adhesive (wheat or cellulose paste) specifically manufactured for the material
- Follow the specific instructions on the box of the paste / adhesive manufacturer
- Apply a non- staining cellulose paste / adhesive to the wallcovering
- The adhesive must be applied to the numbered lengths with as light an application of adhesive as possible to ensure a good adhesion to the wall
- Ensure the adhesive is applied to the edges to avoid open seams and that it is not applied too thickly. Do not use too much adhesive
- Do not soak the material excessively so it becomes too wet. Soaking time should be kept to approximately 5 - 10 minutes
- Fold both ends and paste side in towards the center of the strip
- Take special care not to crease the paper while folding and loosely roll-up the lengths so creases are not visible after installation

CLEANING INSTRUCTIONS

- Do not allow the paste / adhesive to get on the surface or seams of the material
- These are non washable wallcoverings. Clean material using a vacuum only
- When installing grasscloths, it is normal for color to occasionally be visible on hands during installation, especially on deeper tones

HANGING

- Draw a straight vertical plumb - line from the ceiling to the baseboard
- Cut the first strip. Keep approximately an extra 2" - 3" (5 - 7.5 cm) at the top and bottom of the strip for trimming
- Apply an even coat of paste on the backing paper. Make sure the paste is well brushed and applied to both edges of the backing paper
- Fold both ends and paste side in, towards the center of the strip. Do not crease the paper whilst folding it. Keep soaking time to approximately 5 - 10 minutes. The exact time necessary depends on the design, paste, humidity, room conditions, etc.
- Unfold the top half of the strip and apply to the wall. Slide the paper into position so it touches the vertical plumb - line.
- Using a soft, clean wallpaper brush, spatula or felt roller, gently press the strip against the wall. Smooth the whole strip into place, from the top down and from the center outward, forcing out any air pockets.
- Avoid getting any paste on the textured surface of the material whilst smoothing the wallpaper. Clean off excess paste with a dry towel or sponge, taking extra care. Do not use a seam roller.
- Use a putty knife to trim the excess paper along the ceiling and baseboard, and then cut off the excess paper with a sharp razor knife.
- Ensure the first strip is straight as this will help determine the success of the installation. It is important to wait until the first strip is completely dry to check the result prior to proceeding with the next strips.

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- Hang all subsequent strips the same way and in sequence of strips, rolls and batch
- Hang only two rolls and check to make sure the material is shading correctly

Vinyl Hanging Instructions

INSPECTION AND PREPARATION OF GOODS

- Examine goods to assure that pattern, color and quality is as ordered
- Separate goods by shade lot number and organize in roll number sequence, starting with the highest number

PREPARATION OF SURFACE

- Surfaces to be covered must be clean, smooth, dry and structurally sound. Loose paint or other wallcovering must be removed. In order to ensure maximum smoothness of installation, nail heads, nicks, gouges and other surface imperfections should be taped, bedded and sanded smooth
- Walls should be checked with a suitable moisture meter. Moisture content should not exceed 4 %. Remove any mildew from wall and treat surfaces to inhibit further mildew growth
- Vinyl wallcovering can be installed over almost any surface which has been properly prepared. Do not hang vinyl over ballpoint pen writing, wax crayon, ink marker, oil based stains or any foreign matter that may bleed through the vinyl. It is suggested that a lead pencil be used to mark vinyl or wall, as pencil marks do not bleed
- Glossy surfaces should either be sanded to dull the surface or an application of professional R-35 Heavy Duty Primer should be made.
- On new drywall, if future stopability is desired and no primer is specified, use a quality strippable wallcovering adhesive. If a primer is specified, use a quality pigmented acrylic primer designed for use with wallcovering along with a quality wallcovering adhesive. Some drywall joint compounds contrast with the drywall paper surface, showing strong light and dark colored areas that may allow show-through on lighter colored wallcoverings. The use of a pigmented primer will give the wall a uniform color and prevent this

APPLICATION OF WALLCOVERING

- Before beginning hanging, examine pattern for color uniformity and any repeat in the design.
- Every other strip of the wallcovering should be reversed in order to ensure color uniformity. Only full widths of material should be used for the most satisfactory installation
- All material must be installed in roll sequence (numerical) within a shade lot, starting with the highest number first and going in decreasing order, with each strip in sequence as cut from the roll.
- Piecing or hanging headers with strips cut out of sequence can cause unsatisfactory shading. Overlapping and double-cutting, and pre-trimming the wallcovering both have advantages in making acceptable seams. Be careful not to "score" the drywall when double-cutting.

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- Apply an even coat of adhesive to the fabric side of the material using a stiff bristle brush, a roller or a pasting machine in accordance with manufacturer's label recommendations
- The wallcovering should be applied to the wall as soon as it has become tacky
- Smooth surface, working out air bubbles as you go using a stiff bristle smoothing brush or a plastic smoothing tool
- As each strip is installed, immediately remove excess adhesive from the wallcovering surface using a natural sponge and a soft bristle brush frequently rinsed in clean warm water
- Dry with clean toweling
- A professional vinyl cleaner / wallpaper remover should be used where adhesive has dried
- Vertical joints should not occur less than 6" from outside and inside corners
- Do not install wallcoverings unless a temperature above 55 degrees (f) is maintained in both areas of installation and storage
- Permanent building lights should be available for installation
- If after applying 3 strips there is any question of appearance, stop and contact your distributor
- Holland and Sherry is not responsible for the appearance and performance of wallcovering not applied according to these instructions.