

# Hanging instructions for wallcoverings

These instructions assume a good basic knowledge of decorating and a fair level of competence and skill by the tradesman.

1. Surfaces must be sound, clean, slightly porous and dry when tested with a dampmeter. Remove all old wallcoverings and backings completely. Painted surfaces must be thoroughly prepared to obtain porosity and avoid bond failure. This includes where paint has been allowed down from the ceiling line and up from the skirting line. The use of a **PRIMER SEALER** is recommended on all surfaces as a sealer/size and primer.

**SURFACES, WHICH ARE VAPOUR BARRIERS SUCH AS PLASTERBOARD TREATED WITH GYPROC TOPCOAT, MAY NEED SPECIAL TREATMENT TO AVOID BOND FAILURE. PLEASE ENQUIRE.**

2. It is not recommended to line under contract wallcoverings which have to be joined using the overlap and cut method, as the edges of the lining paper can lift if cut through.
3. The recommended adhesive for all *paper-backed wallcoverings* is **LIGHT GRADE** on normal wall surfaces. On painted and less absorbent surfaces **STANDARD GRADE** should be used. The correct method of application is to paste the paper backing using a brush or roller and allow to soak for approximately 10 minutes depending on site conditions.
4. **HEAVY GRADE** is the recommended adhesive for all *fabric-backed wallcoverings*. The correct method of application is to paste the wall surface using a brush or roller.
5. All non-matching wallcoverings are to be hung by **REVERSING ALTERNATE LENGTHS**. Failure to do this may result in shading. In-fill pieces above doors and under windows etc. must be avoided. These wallcoverings must be hung in sequence from the roll and we re-iterate, by reversing alternate lengths. Where roll numbers are given on the rolls then they should be used in sequential order from the highest to the lowest.
6. When cutting lengths, mark the top of each length and number them sequentially. Use a pencil only. Cut each length 10cm longer to allow for skirting and ceiling variations. Always plumb the first length on every wall. Overlap the wallcovering by at least two inches and use a straight edge and extremely sharp knife to do the cut. Remove all adhesive from the wallcovering and adjoining surfaces whilst still wet.
7. To lay the wallcovering flat and remove all bubbles use a plastic spatula working in vertical overlapping strikes.
8. After no more than 3 drops have been hung stop work and examine the result. Should anything not appear to be right call your supplier. No responsibility can be accepted if more than 3 lengths have been hung and under no circumstances will labour charges be accepted.
9. The following points should always be observed
  - a) Hang in light that is at least as good as that under which the wallcovering is to be normally seen.
  - b) Never hang in ambient temperatures of less than 10°C (50°F). The wallcovering and adhesive will not work properly below this temperature, so store them in a warm area.
  - c) Radiators should ideally be removed from the wall before and for 24 hours after hanging. If this is not possible then they must be turned off and kept off until the wallcovering has fully dried. This will avoid the joins opening and bond failure.

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