

Custom Panel Care Instructions

Wall Preparation

Custom wallcovering may be applied to any dry, clean, smooth surface. Wallcoverings, old wallpaper, plaster or other surface materials should be removed before application.

Fill cracks with a spackling compound or plaster patching and sand to a smooth surface. Glossy or enamel walls should be lightly sanded, then washed with a common household detergent and then allowed to dry completely. Any greasy surface can be cleaned with a strong ammonia solution and then allowed to dry completely. On wallboard, apply a coat of acrylic primer/sealer and let dry prior to hanging.

Drywall Preparation

First, countersink all nail heads. Tape or repair all joints or holes using joint tape or a wall patch and joint compound and then let dry. Sand the wall to a smooth finish.

Prime all new drywall with a wallpaper primer/sealer and follow primer instructions for the dry time (normally 24 hours). Finally apply sizing to walls and let dry.

Dealing with Mold or Mildew

Any area with mold or mildew should also be prepared before application. Wash any mold or mildew areas with chlorine bleach (1cup Clorox® to 3 quarts water). Rinse clean and then let dry.

Avoiding Show-through

If the walls to be covered have highly contrasted colors or white patches on dark wall, lining paper should be applied to avoid show-through. Instead of lining paper, you may also prime over the contrasting areas until the entire area has a uniform color.

Before you apply wallcovering!

Extreme caution should be used when trimming or hanging wallcovering around electrical outlets. Turn off **all** electrical current to room at the fuse or circuit box.

Application

Custom wallcovering may be applied just like any other wallcovering. To assure that you hang your wallcovering in a straight line, using a plumb bob. Use a wallcovering adhesive that is strippable, dries clear, and cleans up with water before it dries. Recommended brands include the following: Romans 880, Sure Grip Plus or equivalents. Also, look for an adhesive that is mold and mildew resistant if you intend to hang your wallcovering in an area susceptible to mold/mildew (basements/bathrooms/humid locations). If you accidentally apply wallcovering adhesive to the face of your

custom paper, remove it with a clean, wet sponge and then dry with a clean, lint-free towel.

Custom wallcovering is very strong when wet, however, we recommend that you do not apply a great deal of side-to-side pressure when applying the material. Also we recommend using a "smoothing" brush to remove air pockets or paste lumps. Work air pockets or paste toward any uncovered area. If you are using a squeegee, always use a plastic blade instead of a metal blade as it may tear through the material or damage the printed surface.

Trim your custom material with a clean, single edge razor blade or a sharp pair of scissors.

Cleaning your custom wallcovering

Sponge clean your custom wallcovering. Use a lukewarm, mild detergent solution. Do not use abrasive cleaners containing chlorine bleach, solvents or ammonia as they may attack and damage the printed surface.

Specific Hanging Instructions:

Option 1: Pasting the wall

If you choose to paste the wall apply a thin coating of wall covering adhesive. Mist the back of the wall covering with warm water, fold over with the print side out and unprinted side in. Allow the wall covering to relax for five minutes.

Apply a thin coating of wall covering adhesive directly to the wall. Apply wall coverings directly to the pasted wall after it relaxes 5 minutes.

Option 2: Pasting the wall covering

Apply paste using a 1/2" roller to the back of the mural or panel, fold the top down approximately one third toward the bottom, paste to paste, and fold the bottom up to meet the top edge.

Do not crease folds.

Loosely roll strip and put into a large plastic trash bag, along with a damp cloth, again taking care not to crease folds. This maintains a humid environment to prevent the wallpaper from drying out. Leave in the bag for 5 minutes.

****Please note: all of our murals are shipped with a white trim selvage along the edges that requires trimming during installation.****

****Caution **Plastic bag may be a choking hazard****

KEEP AWAY FROM SMALL CHILDREN

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