

# Wallpaper Hanging Instructions



## BEFORE YOU START

Make sure that your wallpaper is intact and has not been damaged in transit. For best results use the products and follow the instructions step by step.

Make sure that you have adequate lighting – so that you can inspect the material properly while you are hanging it and after it is in position. The good thing is that it is Raffa re-positionable - so if something has gone slightly awry – you can sort it there and then.

Make sure that the area you are hanging wallpaper in is at least 12°C (55°F) ... and as you are using an adhesive paste on the walls, make sure that there is good ventilation.

If you have a problem with wallpaper, and don't think you can achieve your creative vision – STOP — put the wallpaper down, and back away from the surface, as no returns can be accepted due to the bespoke nature of the product.

## SURFACE PREPARATION

Brush off area to be covered with a stiff bristle brush to remove all dirt and loose material.

All surface marks such as pencil or marker pens should be removed using a detergent solution.

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Anything like mould or algae on the surface should be treated with a fungicidal wash following instructions on the product.

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Any holes, cracks or defects in the surface should be filled with good quality filler, smoothed out and allowed to dry.

Just remember ... a dry surface is the right surface – so if you have to make repairs ...

Be patient! And let it dry.

## SURFACE SCIENCE FOR WALLPAPER

### Uncoated absorbent surfaces:

Apply one coat of Solvite (or other high-quality) as a primer, diluted 1 part primer to 3 parts clean water. Allow to dry thoroughly.

### Coated absorbent surfaces:

Very Important! Multi-coats may impair the porosity of the surface and affect adhesion. If you are in any doubt whatsoever, or an oil-based paint has been used on the surface, please phone us on **01223 833 522** but if you are confident to move on ... ensure all surfaces are dry in depth and apply one coat of Solvite (or other high-quality adhesive) primer — 1 part primer to 1 part clean water. Allow to dry thoroughly.

Apply adhesive to the wall using either a brush or roller, covering floor to ceiling if hanging left to right and approx 1m wide. Now apply wallpaper to the wall using a fleece like a spreader, pushing all the air from beneath the surface making sure to treat just the pasted area at a time. Then continue to paste a section at a time to the end of the image Hang wallpaper in the direction of the design and butt join or overlap and trim the edges as required.



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## NON ABSORBENT SURFACES

Very important! If the surface is cement or concrete or is unstable in any way ... you should give our technical team a call on **01223 833 522** for a bit of advice - they are very friendly people - but, basically, any filled, patched or absorbent areas should be made smooth and equalised in colour and absorbency with a similar pigmented oil-based paint. Apply adhesive to the wall using either a brush or roller, covering floor to ceiling if hanging left to right and approx 1m wide.

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## THE SCIENCE OF HANGING WALLPAPER

Apply undiluted adhesive to the surface to be covered using a medium-pile paint roller. Only paste one drop area at a time.

Use a soft spatula to apply wallpaper to the prepared surface using a smooth up-and-down motion. Take care not to squeeze the adhesive out at the edges.

Let wallpaper settle for about 15 minutes before trimming the top and bottom.

If you want to butt join drops of wallpaper, align the design top to bottom and work away from the butted edge with the same up-and down motion using your handy spatula. You can also safely seal the butt joints using a small rubber roller along the join. But go easy with the roller as overworking the join could cause the edges to fray.

If you want to overlap and trim wallpaper, overlap sufficiently to match up the design and then trim down the middle. If you don't want to join it up straight away, turn back the edges by about 5cm (2") until you are ready to make the join with the next drop of wallpaper.

## STRIPPING AND REMOVAL OF WALLPAPER

Wallpaper can be removed dry without causing damage to the wall surface (assuming that the wall surface is stable or has been made stable prior to application). You may find, however, that the non-woven backing splits as you take down the wallpaper, and bits get left behind on the surface ... not a problem ... they can easily be removed by soaking them in warm water mixed with a mild household detergent and gently working the pieces off the surface with a wall covering stripping knife.

