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## **SURESTRIP WALLPAPER HANGING INSTRUCTIONS**

SureStrip wallcoverings are easier to install and easier to remove than conventional wallcoverings. Manufactured with a unique high performance substrate and special adhesive, they smooth effortlessly on the wall and remove in full strips when it's time to redecorate.

1. Even though your wallpaper has been thoroughly inspected, it is important for you to take a few minutes before hanging to closely examine your wallpaper for proper color, design, quantity and any print imperfections. Make sure all of your rolls are from the same run number. Warranty claims will be limited after cutting and hanging.
2. **SURFACE PREPARATION**: For safety, turn off the electrical power to the room and remove all switch plates and wall socket covers. Old wallpaper should be removed. Walls should be clean, dry and smooth. Repair and smooth any holes or rough areas that may affect the finish of your wallcovering. The surface to be covered should have (2) coats of new or existing paint - flat, eggshell or semi-gloss, or (2) coats of a premixed universal wallcovering primer or combination of either. Oil based and general purpose primers are not recommended as they may affect adhesion of the wallcovering paste.
3. Start your installation in the least conspicuous corner of the room such as behind a door or large piece of furniture. Measuring out from the corner of your starting wall, make a pencil mark 1" less than the width of your wallcovering so that your first strip will wrap 1" into the corner. (For Example: If paper is 27" wide, make your mark at 26") Place a straight edge level or plumb line on this mark and using a pencil strike a vertical line on the wall.
4. Cut your first strip of wallcovering 4" longer than the height of the surface you intend to cover. This gives you an extra 2" at the top and at the bottom for trimming, once the wallcovering is placed on the wall.
5. **Option A: Spray Bottle** - Lay your cut strip pattern side down, on floor or table, using a drop-cloth or towel to protect against any overspray of water. Using a Wallpaper Hand Sprayer, activate the paste by spraying a fine mist of clean water to the pasted surface. Spray in long strokes the length of the paper making sure to wet the entire back of the strip.

**Option B : Water Tray** – Roll up your cut strip loosely with the pattern side in, paste side out. Submerge the rolled strip in a water tray filled 2/3 with clean water. Grab the loose end of the cut strip and slowly pull it through the water onto a clean drop-cloth or towel making sure that there are no dry spots on the pasted side of the strip.

**CAUTION: Applying additional paste to SureStrip pre-pasted wallpapers could make future removal more difficult.**

6. Fold each end of the moistened strip toward the middle, pasted sides together, aligning the edges carefully so they do not dry out. Avoid creasing the paper. Roll the strip up as you would a loose newspaper, set it aside for 2-3 minutes allowing the paste to activate and the paper to relax. This is known as “booking”.
7. After “booking” for 2-3 minutes, carry the strip to the wall and unfold the top half of the strip. Align the edge of your first strip with your level vertical line from Step #3. Reposition or slide the strip as needed, to line up with your level line. Unfold the bottom half of the strip and lay the paper onto the wall and into and around the corner. Remember, you should have an overlap of wallpaper at the ceiling and baseboard that will be trimmed off later.
8. Using a smoothing brush or sponge, gently smooth the entire strip to the wall. Work diagonally from the top down and center outward, removing all air bubbles, wrinkles and excess paste. Using a straight edge tool and a sharp razor knife, trim the excess wallpaper at the baseboard, ceiling line and around windows, doors, etc. Replace your knife blades often. Thoroughly wipe down the surface of the strip with clean water and a sponge. Paste residue left to dry on the print surface may cause damage.
9. Using pattern match at baseboard and ceiling as a reference, determine the length of your next strip. Allow an extra 2” at the top and bottom of the strip for trimming. Then repeat steps #5 and #6.
10. Slide the next strip into position with its edge butted against the edge of the preceding strip. Be sure to match design of the adjacent strip at eye level. Do not overlap seams. Gently roll butted seams with a seam roller. Light pressure should be used to prevent removal of adhesive from the edges. Repeat steps #8 and #9.

**NOTE: Reverse Hang Strips of Wallcovering on Random Matched Textures**

**REMOVAL: Loosen a top corner of each strip. Pull the entire sheet, slowly but firmly downward, from ceiling to floor. If any difficulty is encountered, simply moisten SureStrip with a wet sponge, wait 30 seconds and remove.**