

**Product:** Contractual vinyl fabric backed wall coverings - 15oz and 20oz +

**Category:** Contract Wallpaper

## 1. Description

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Our contractual vinyl wallpaper range is predominately used for hospitality, commercial, corporate and retail environments that require a durable wall covering for high traffic areas. The installation method requires a Double Cut process which is explained below. Furthermore it is recommended that each alternative drop is rotated to avoid shading issues between panels.

## 2. What you will need

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To get started you will need the following:

- Step ladder
- Ruler (recommended size 100cm) or straight edge
- Pencil
- Plastic squeegee
- Blade cutter
- Damp cloth and bucket of clean warm water
- Pasting brush or roller
- Spirit level
- Heavy Duty Ready Mix adhesive ( Recommended brand – Bartoline )

## 3. Installation Process

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- 1. Fill and sand the wall** Ensure cracks are filled and sand down any imperfections on the wall. The smoother the surface of the wall, the better the quality of the installation.
- 2. Clean the wall surface** Use warm water and sugar soap to clean the walls of any excess dust.
- 3. Prepare panels** Rolls are numbered in sequential order and must be hung that way. Ensure you are hanging each panel off the roll sequentially and do not cut lengths of the product as this can cause panels to be installed in the incorrect order.
- 4. Paste the wall covering with adhesive** Apply an even amount of adhesive to the fabric side (where there is no design) of the product using your brush or roller.
- 5. Apply the first panel** Starting from the left, apply the first panel from the top and work your way downwards. Ensure that the panel is straight with the spirit level. Carefully smooth away any bubbles using the plastic squeegee.
- 6. Apply the second panel** For all random match vinyl wall coverings, it is recommended to reverse each alternative panel to avoid slight shading issues between panels.

Overlap the second panel with the first panel by 50mm.

7. Double cut

Once you are happy that the design is aligned, you can take your ruler and blade cutter and slice through the two layers directly in the middle of the overlap. Continue to hold the razor firmly and the ruler straight, as you continue down the panel. Gently peel away the two layers of the overlapped material and you will have a perfectly matched seam.

8. Hang the remaining drops

Continue this process for each drop until all panels are installed perfectly. Wipe off any excess glue with a damp cloth or sponge using clean warm water. Make sure that you do not rub the wallpaper, just gently remove the adhesive from the areas where it was applied.

#### 4. Wall Surfaces

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- Walls should be smooth and flat, preferably primed with an oil based primer for good adhesion. Please consult our Wall Preparation Guideline for more information.
- It is the responsibility of the client/ professional/ contractor/ painter to ensure that walls are prepared correctly for wallpaper application. Failure to do so may result in a breakdown of the wall surface (delaminate) and WCI Wallpapers Pty Ltd accept no liability as a result of incorrect wallpaper preparation. If unsure, please contact us for more information about how to prepare your walls for wallpaper.
- It can also be recommended to size the wall with adhesive to create another layer for the wallpaper to adhere to. This can sometimes be useful if you do not know what the wall was painted with and creates a barrier for the wallpaper to adhere to and may prevent the possibility of the wall surface breaking down.
- Walls should also be checked for moisture content. Using a moisture meter, measure the wall surface and it is recommended that wall coverings should not be installed if the moisture reading is more than 5%.

#### 5. Additional Information

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- Product is recommended for internal use only by qualified professionals.
- Installations should be carried out by a professional applicator with knowledge of installing wallpapers.
- It is the client or installers responsibility to check the rolls BEFORE application. After the 3<sup>rd</sup> drop, assess the installation before continuing. If there are any manufacturing faults with the wallpaper, stop immediately and contact us before proceeding. Failure to do so will void the manufacturer's warranty and no costs will be entertained for replacement of either material or labour.
- Please note as we have various suppliers, our provided installation process is a guideline only and before installing any wallpaper the hanging instructions should be read thoroughly. If anything is unclear you can contact us directly for assistance. No claims will be entertained for wallpaper been installed incorrectly as the applicator appointed should possess the relevant experience and knowledge to install wallpapers.
- Wall coverings should be installed in an ambient temperature of 20-25 degrees.
- Please get in touch with us if you require any further information about the installation process. You can contact our technical team via email at [info@wallcoverings.co.za](mailto:info@wallcoverings.co.za).