

Product: Paintable wallpaper – 10m x 53cm and 10m x 106cm rolls

Category: Paintable Wallpaper

1. Description

Our paintable wallpapers offer a variety of textured wall coverings that can be painted which can be used for a variety of interior spaces in both commercial and residential spaces. They are also considered to be very DIY friendly, with its easy to install process and can be removed without any hassles and very little to no damage to the wall surface.

2. What you will need

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
- Adhesive in the form of flake or ready mix depending on the substrate used. Please follow the mixing instructions carefully (Recommended brand – Bartoline)

3. Installation Process

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 and plan** Starting from the left, measure 53cm or the width of the roll you are using and make a plumb line. Make sure it is 100% straight with your spirit level.
4. **Paste the wall with adhesive** Apply a liberal amount of adhesive to the wall surface ensuring that all the surface area is covered to avoid bubbles which can be caused by areas with little to no adhesive. Please note this differs from “normal bubbles” which will disperse as the adhesive dries behind the wallpaper.
5. **Apply the first drop** Starting from the left, apply the first drop from the top and work your way downwards. Ensure that the panel is straight with your plumb line and double check with the spirit level. Carefully smooth away any bubbles using the plastic squeegee.

6. **Trim excess wallpaper** Cut the excess wallpaper at the top and bottom. Use the cornices, ceiling and skirting as your cutting line to ensure a smooth and neat finish.
7. **Apply the second drop** Working to the right of your first drop, apply more adhesive to the area of the wall where the second drop is going. Butt join and line up the second drop with the first drop where the pattern matches (each wallpaper has different pattern repeats or none, so make sure that you read the label before hanging the wallpaper). Working again from the top to the bottom, smooth the wallpaper out and trim the top and bottom only once you are 100% sure the second drop lines up perfectly with the first drop.
8. **Repeat until done** Continue the process until you are finished. Wipe down any excess glue with a damp cloth with warm water. For most of our non-woven wall coverings they will be paste the wall and this installation process works. For more complicated installations we always suggest discussing it with us first or we can install for you.

4. Wall Surfaces

- 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. Painting the wallpaper

Once you have installed the wallpaper, you need to wait a minimum of 48-72 hours before painting the wallpaper. This is very important as it could cause bubbling and we recommend waiting even longer in colder conditions because the adhesive may not be fully cured. You can use standard PVA paint by a recognized supplier like Plascon or Dulux and furthermore the wallpaper can be painted up to four times in its lifespan.

5. Additional Information

- 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 3rd 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.