

INSTALLATION GUIDE

Fabric Backed Vinyl Wallpaper

Please refer to the Installation Instructions supplied with your Printamural Wallpaper. These instructions include a visual layout of your mural and indicate the Wallpaper 'drops' to be installed. Please take time to review these instructions before you start your installation.

Take particular care to understand the sequential arrangement and orientation of all the 'drops'.

We suggest that the installation be carried out by two people.

Normally the Wallpaper is supplied ready for 'overlap' installation, rather than for 'butt joint' installation, to ensure the best possible alignment of the 'drops' on the wall.

Each 'drop' is 50mm oversize at the top and bottom edges, and the first and last 'drops' are 50mm oversize to left and right correspondingly to allow for trimming of the mural to fit any irregularities in the wall edges and corners. The inner 'drops' all have a 25mm overlap bleed on both edges that is cut back after installation to produce a clean butt joint.

We recommend the use of a pre-mixed 'paste the wall' adhesive for our fabric backed vinyl products. These adhesives are readily available to buy in specialist decorator shops and on-line. Please refer to the relevant Product Data Sheet for specific information about these adhesives and where to buy them. Further information is provided below.

Instructions for 'Overlap' Installation of Fabric Backed Vinyl Wallpaper

Ensure that the wall surface is suitably prepared, sound and dry. If the wall has a flakey or rough paint surface it is advisable to line it first with lining paper. Plaster should be sealed with a suitable size solution. If the surface is non-absorbent it should always be primed with a suitable PVA primer before the Wallpaper is applied.

The tools you might need include; pencil, tape measure, plumb line, straight edge, spirit level, pasting brush and/or roller, wallpaper smoothing brush or foam roller, damp cloth and/or sponge, wallpaper scissors, Stanley knife or similar sharp craft blade.

Your Wallpaper product is supplied with a plastic strip that will help with trimming the 'drops' in situ.

1. Carefully unpack your Wallpaper and lay the 'drops' out in sequential order. The 'drops' are supplied in equal widths.
2. It is essential to establish the correct vertical setting out line on the wall. Firstly, measure the width of the first 'drop' and subtract 50mm (for the excess bleed). This is the distance of the vertical setting out line from the left hand edge of the wall. Now draw the vertical line at the correct distance from the wall edge, using a pencil. Use a plumb line and straight edge to ensure the line is vertical and straight.

**** NOTE** In certain circumstances (for example, if your floor or walls are not level) you might find it preferable to align the mural horizontally rather than vertically to the top of a piece of prominent furniture, such as a sideboard, that may exist in front of the wall. Determine a horizontal line to 'set out' against and use a spirit level to adjust the vertical 'setting out' line to be at right angles to the horizontal.

3. Apply the adhesive to the wall as instructed by the adhesive manufacturer. It is inadvisable to cover the whole wall in one go. It is a good idea to only paste an area for one 'drop' at a time, or an area that you can confidently paper within a reasonable time (or as instructed by the adhesive manufacturer).
4. Hang the first 'drop'. Use your vertical line to ensure that the 'drop' is vertical on the right hand side. Use a wallpaper foam roller or damp cloth, in an up and down direction only, to carefully smooth the Wallpaper down flat and remove any air bubbles. Remove any excess paste with a damp sponge or cloth.
5. Now hang each 'drop' in sequential order, ensuring each 'drop' overlaps the previous one by 50mm and that the mural image is aligned correctly. Smooth the wallpaper down flat as before. Gently lift the two overlapped edges and place the plastic strip (provided) onto the wall under the lifted edges. Smooth the edges back down onto the strip. Using a straight edge and sharp blade trim down the centre of the overlap. Then lift the edges, remove the plastic strip and waste material, and smooth both edges back down again to make a seamless butt joint.

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6. When all the 'drops' have been applied all the outer edges can be trimmed to fit using scissors or sharp knife. Take care not to stretch or tear the Wallpaper. Trim around light switches and sockets in a similar way.

7. Remove any excess paste with a clean, damp sponge or cloth.

Adhesives and Primers

The correct adhesive and primer to use will depend on the condition and nature of your wall. Normally, a

pre-mixed water based adhesive suitable for heavy weight fabric backed vinyl wallpaper will be fine. These can be purchased from specialist suppliers such as Dulux and Crown.

Muraspec supply a range of adhesives and primers and can offer advice on Murabond products available from www.muraspec.com.

Tektura supply Tekfix Plus Adhesive and PVA primer available from www.tekturaonline.com

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