

## Esquire Contract Installation Instructions

## **Surface Preparation:**

All surfaces must be clean, dry, smooth and structurally sound. Sand finish plaster must be scraped smooth. Cinder or cement block must be plastered or cemented before application of wallcovering. Newly plastered walls must be thoroughly dry before application. A minimum level 4 gypsum board finish is required.

Usual wall preparation is satisfactory, except on highly alkaline surfaces such as cement block and portland cement plaster. Walls that are tightly sealed with several coats of paint must be opened with rough sandpaper or steel wool to allow adhesive to properly dry. Apply an approved acrylic wallcovering primer and do no apply over an alkyd coating. Verify moisture content of the wall (less than 7%) as well as the adhesion bond of the primer before installing any wallcovering.

## **Application:**

1. Before cutting and hanging, check color, condition, quantity, and quality. Be certain pattern and color are as ordered. Be sure that there is sufficient material to complete the job. No allowances will be given for cut material. Check each roll for uniform shading.

Should you have any questions, contact your MDC representative or customer service (800)621-4006before proceeding. Even though great care has been taken in the production of this wallcovering, variations in texture and color can occur.

- 2. Cut material in consecutive bolt sequence, as marked on the end of each wrapper.
- 3. A pre-mixed, heavy-duty vinyl adhesive (i.e. Roman Pro 732) should be used by the installer. Do not dilute.
- 4. Apply the recommended adhesive to the back of the material using either a pasting machine or paint roller. Fold each end towards the middle, pasted sides together, aligning the edges carefully so they do not dry out. Do not crease the material. Allow the material to book for 10 minutes. This will allow the adhesive to penetrate the fabric backing, which is important for a successful installation.
- 5. Use strips in exact order as they are cut from the roll. Reversing strips may reduce shading at the seams. Fill in over doors and windows as they come with strips cut in consecutive order from the roll. Hang only 1-2 strips at a time. Seams should be overlapped and double cut.
- 6. Smooth material to hanging surface with a plastic smoothie or soft bristle to eliminate air bubbles and ensure adhesion. Remove paste immediately from surface with clean warm water using a clean cloth. Change the water often. Allow paste at seams to dry before cleaning to prevent seams from opening.
- 7. STOP AFTER APPLYING 3 STRIPS. If there are any variations in color and/or color match, this should be immediately communicated to MDC for inspection before proceeding further with installation.

For additional information or technical support contact MDC Customer Service at 800-621-4006