

### **Inspection of Material**

This wallcovering is pre-trimmed. Please verify the contents of your carton(s) to confirm the pattern, color and quantity are as ordered. Make sure you have the same run or can use the multiple runs authorized by changing runs only at inside corner break points. Review the material for color and consistency, knowing that this is a natural cork product and, while we strive to have as much uniformity as possible, some color and pattern variations are to be expected and accepted.

Both the unwrapped wallcovering and the adhesive selection must acclimate for 48 hours to stabilize and arrive at the site temperature and humidity. Install between 55 degrees and 90 degrees F. Relative humidity should be 40-70%.

### **Surface Preparation**

Ensure surfaces are dust free, smooth, dry, firm and uniformly colored or primed. Do not install over non-porous surfaces. Previously painted walls may be wiped down with Tri Sodium Phosphate to remove any grease or oil. Glossy paint should be dulled by sanding. Never install these materials over new plaster or un-primed walls. It is best to prime all surfaces with an appropriate high quality acrylic wallcovering primer. All surfaces to be installed should be tested by the installer to determine suitable adherence of existing coatings.

### **Trimming**

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

Unique Effects wallcoverings are usually cut into strips. Be sure the pre-trimmed edges are even before installation.

### **Application of the Material to the Surface**

1. The wall should be properly primed with a high adhesion clear acrylic primer (i.e. Roman R35). You must use an extra strength grade of heavy-duty premixed clay adhesive (i.e. Roman Pro 732). Do not dilute. Using another type of adhesive will be solely at the risk of the installer.
2. Cut material in consecutive bolt sequence. Material can be double cut on the wall to ensure pattern match. Cuts should be made with a sharp razor blade. Do not attempt more than one cut per blade.
3. Apply an even coat of adhesive to the wall. Make sure the adhesive is spread out evenly over the entire surface to ensure good adhesion. Allow the adhesive to set for 15 minutes before applying wallcovering. Never allow the adhesive to get on the face of the material. As this is a specialty wallcovering, removal of adhesive will require great care and is therefore best if you prevent it by being careful. Adhesive should also be applied to the back of the material and allowed to stand for 15 minutes prior to wall application.
4. Use strips in exact order as they are cut from the roll. Straight hang - do not reverse strips. Hang only 1-2 strips at a time. Carefully smooth material with a plastic or Plexiglas smoothing tool to eliminate air bubbles and ensure adhesion.
5. Immediately wipe off excess adhesive on all edges of the wallcovering by using dry sponge or clean cloth Use a single wiping motion.

**Evaluation of the Material**

After three sheets/strips, evaluate for appearance and consistency. Seek approval from site parties to allow you to continue. If any concerns are noted, inform your local MDC sales representative or MDC Customer Care immediately at 800-621-4006 or contact your local rep. If, at any time during the installation, a discrepancy occurs, stop and contact the designer or MDC before proceeding to install any additional material. The manufacturer is NOT responsible for any claims which involve material beyond three sheets/strips.

**Special Note**

Unique Effects wallcoverings are manufactured to the highest quality standards possible. However, it should be noted that some items by their nature, require care in handling and installing so as to provide an acceptable wall finish. ***This product should not be used in areas with a high moisture content or prolonged direct exposure to sunlight.***

**Maintenance**

Use only a clean dry white cloth with a single wiping motion to maintain cleanliness of the Unique Effects wallcovering. Do not use wet cloth or cleaning agent as this will react with the product and may affect the color and appearance. As Unique Effects wallcovering is made of natural material, slight discoloration may occur due to aging.

**For additional information or technical support contact MDC Customer Care at 847-437-4000**