

WALLCOVERING HANGING INSTRUCTIONS for GRASSCLOTH, SISAL, ABACA & RAFIA

Congratulations on your purchase of one of our beautiful Grasscloth Wallcoverings. Being a product that is handcrafted, special care is required when handling and installing this item. Grasscloth wallcoverings celebrate uniquely handcrafted quality, creating individually distinctive designs with no two fibers being exactly alike. Installation of these products highlights the differences at seams and within the design itself. It is also a unique attribute with this product to have slight color, texture or sheen variations that will create different shades from roll to roll and within a roll, which can result in a paneling effect when hung. This is not a product defect. For best results, it is recommended that this wallcovering be installed by a professional wallcovering installer.

DO NOT CUT THIS MATERIAL UNTIL YOU HAVE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS

INSPECTION

Though your wallcovering has been thoroughly inspected, it is important to examine your wallcovering for proper color before cutting and hanging. Ensure that all rolls have the same item & run number and are in good condition. Avoid any creasing during handling and installation. Avoid any high moisture areas or prolonged direct exposure to sunlight. As part of the inherent beauty, the color of some natural products may change slightly as they age.

SURFACE PREPARATION

For best results, clean and properly prepare all wall surfaces. Old wallcovering and paste residue should be removed. Walls must be clean, dry, and smooth. Prepare surface with a premixed universal wallcovering primer. The primer should be tinted to the same color as the background color of your wallcovering to help hide seams. **All wallcoverings must be hung under permanent lighting.**

NOTE: Install (3) strips, stop and inspect the installation. If the installation is not satisfactory by the customer, stop hanging and call your retailer for assistance. In the event of any issue, please quote the item and run number that is on the roll label.

ADHESIVE

- Heavy Duty, Clear, Non-Staining Adhesive. **DO NOT DILUTE.**
- **For thicker and heavier materials, a heavy-duty clay-based adhesive may be used.**
- **AVOID** adhesive contacting the face of the wallcovering. **Staining and discoloration can occur and CANNOT be repaired.**
- Remove excess adhesive from surface **IMMEDIATELY** prior to hanging the next strip. Use clean, moist sponge and blot area of contact and dry surface with a lint free towel. **DO NOT WIPE.** Change the water frequently to maintain cleanliness and not streak appearance.

PASTING and HANGING

1. Draw a vertical line from ceiling to floor by using a plumb line or straight edge with level. This will be your guide for positioning one edge of the first strip.
2. Cut wallcovering strip to fit wall height, allowing a couple of extra inches at the top and bottom for trimming. Trim with a **very sharp razor knife** and **change the blade after each cut** to avoid any tearing or pulling of the material.
3. Carefully apply an even coat of adhesive to the back of the wallcovering, working from the center to the edges and loosely fold (do not crease) the moistened strip toward the middle, pasted sides together and set aside for 3 - 5 minutes. This is called booking. Carry the strip to the wall and unfold the top half. Align the edge of your first strip with the level vertical line from Step #1. Reposition or slide the strip as needed. Unfold the bottom half of the strip and lay the paper onto the wall. Set into place with a soft bristle smoothing brush. Carefully smooth out all air pockets and wrinkles.
4. INSTALLATION OF SUBSEQUENT STRIPS
 - a) Random or non-directional design; Reverse hang is at the discretion of the Installer.
 - b) Design permitting you can butt the factory trimmed edges together at the seam.
 - c) To minimize finished seams or in some cases to hang the design properly it is recommended to overlap and double cut, using a new blade after each cut.
5. A seam roller can be used to set your seams. Avoid using too much pressure that could damage the surface or squeeze paste from the seam onto the surface. Clean and dry hands & tools regularly to avoid any paste or water from getting on the surface.
6. Trim excess material at the floor and ceiling with a straight edge and sharp knife. Again, **change blades after each cut.**
7. Repeat the process for each subsequent strip.

CLEANING

CAUTION: This is **NOT** a washable wallcovering. Do not wipe with a cloth or use any cleaning agent. Wallcovering should only be cleaned by carefully using the soft brush attachment of a vacuum.

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