

## NOTE TO INSTALLER BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

- OPEN and thoroughly inspect the product for defects.
  - CONFIRM that this is the correct product for this installation.
  - VERIFY all wall and product measurements.
  - CHECK the alignment of the pattern across panels prior to hanging.
  - ASSESS walls for bowing, sagging or uneven surfaces as these may cause misalignment.
  - STOP immediately and contact your sales representative if any discrepancy is discovered.
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- This is a custom made product and therefore its installation requires a higher attention to detail than installation of standard wallcovering.
  - We strongly recommend laying out all mural panels prior to installation. This will help determine the best starting point and help detect any problems that may arise during installation.
  - All seams are designed to be double-cut. Please take care when matching the pattern at a seam to accommodate this feature.
  - Custom murals are shipped with unprinted selvage around all edges that requires trimming during installation.
  - Further copies of these instructions can be downloaded at [www.findyourlevel.com](http://www.findyourlevel.com).

## WALL PREPARATION

Custom murals may be applied to any dry, clean, smooth surface. Old wallpaper or other surface materials should be removed before application.

Fill cracks with a spackling compound or plaster patching and sand to a smooth surface. Glossy or enamel finish walls should be lightly sanded, then washed with a common household detergent and then allowed to dry completely. Any greasy surface should be cleaned with a strong ammonia solution and then allowed to dry completely.

For drywall preparation countersink all nail heads. Tape or repair all joints or holes using joint tape or a wall patch and joint compound and then let dry. Sand the wall to a smooth finish.

Prime all new drywall with a wallpaper primer/sealer and follow primer instructions for the dry time (normally 24 hours).

Apply sizing to walls and let dry.

## AVOIDING SHOW-THROUGH

If the walls to be covered have highly contrasted colors or white patches on dark wall, lining paper should be applied to avoid show-through. Instead of lining paper, you may also prime over the contrasting areas until the entire area has a uniform color.

## TOOLS YOU MAY NEED

sturdy step stool or stepladder  
razor blade knife and extra blades  
tape measure  
level or plumb bob  
yardstick or straight edge

clean sponge or soft cloth  
clean water and a water tray  
drop cloth  
large plastic trash bags



## APPLICATION

Use a wallcovering adhesive that is strippable, dries clear, and cleans up with water before it dries. We recommend using Romans 880, Sure Grip Plus, or an equivalent. Also, look for an adhesive that is mold and mildew resistant if you intend to hang your wallcovering in an area susceptible to mold/mildew (basements, bathrooms, humid locations). If you accidentally apply wallcovering adhesive to the face of your wallpaper, remove it with a clean, wet sponge and then dry with a clean, lint-free towel.

Trim your custom mural with a clean, single edge razor blade or a sharp pair of scissors. **Murals with multiple panels are printed with 2 inches of bleed for overlapping and double-cutting the seam.**

To double-cut the seam, overlap the panels to find the pattern match. Cut through both layers using a very sharp blade and peel the top strip back. Peel the bottom strip off the wall and adhere the top strip back in place for a perfectly fitted seam.

### Option 1: Pasting the Wall

Apply a thin coat of wallcovering adhesive to the wall. Mist the back of the wallcovering with warm water. "Book" the wallcovering by folding it **without creasing it**, wet side to wet side (bring in both edges toward the middle), and allow it to relax for 5 minutes. Apply wallcovering directly to pasted wall.

### Option 2: Pasting the Wallcovering

Using a 1/2" nap roller, apply paste to the back of the wallcovering. "Book" the wallcovering by folding it without creasing it, pasted side to pasted side (bring in both edges toward the middle). Loosely roll and put into a large plastic trash bag, along with a damp cloth, again taking care not to crease folds. This maintains a humid environment to prevent the wallpaper from drying out. Allow to relax in the bag for 5 minutes.

Wallcovering is very strong when wet; however we recommend that you do not apply a great deal of side-to-side pressure when applying the material. We also recommend using a "smoothing" brush to remove air pockets or paste lumps. Work air pockets or paste outward toward the edges. If you are using a squeegee, always use a plastic blade instead of a metal blade as metal may tear through the material or damage the printed surface.

## CARE & CLEANING

Once installed, your wallcovering may be cleaned using a soft sponge and a lukewarm, mild detergent solution. Do not use abrasive cleaners containing chlorine bleach, solvents, or ammonia as they may attack and damage the printed surface.

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**Plastic bag may be a**  
**choking hazard**  
**KEEP AWAY FROM**  
**SMALL CHILDREN**

**Warranty:** The manufacturer warrants this product to be free of defects in material and workmanship for a period of 90 days from purchase, and will replace any material found to be defective. The manufacturer is not responsible for labor charges, improper installation, installation of incorrect goods (those not approved or confirmed by the customer), or problems arising from defects in the construction, surface, or preparation of the wall.