# How to Install

# PRE-PASTED MURALS & WALLPAPERS

#### STEP 1 - SURFACE PREPARATION

- For freshly painted walls, please wait 3-4 weeks before applying your wallpaper to allow new paint to cure.
- Walls must be smooth before installation. Any textured surfaces such as stucco, concrete and orange peel texture will not allow your wallpaper to adhere properly.
- To ensure the adhesive sticks to the surface make sure it is completely smooth, clean and dry before starting installation.

#### STEP 2 - LAY OUT ALL YOUR PANELS

- Each panel in your package is different, and when installed they create one complete picture, or repeating pattern. Refer back to our website for a reference photo of your design.
- Lay out your panels in order (panel numbers on the top) and ensure that your panels match up to create your larger picture (murals) or follow your pattern (repeating patterns).
- The panels **MUST** be installed in the correct order from left to right in order to achieve the desired effect. Numbers are printed at the top of the panels to indicate which direction they should be installed.

### STEP 3 - ACTIVATING THE GLUE

- Starting with your panel labeled number 1, roll out the panel printed side down.
- Using the paint roller, generously apply water onto the the back of the panel to activate the glue.
- **Book the wallpaper** by folding each end of the panels towards the middle, pasted sides together, so that the edges don't dry out. Leave for 10 minutes while the glue activates.

## TOOL CHECKLIST:

- New clean paint roller and tray
- □ Clean dry cloth
- Measuring tape and Level
- □ Straight edge ruler and Exacto Knife
- □ Plastic scraper or squeegee
- □ Seam Roller
- □ Water and a sponge

**Grab a friend!** Murals and wallpapers are easier to apply when you have a helping hand.

#### STEP 4 - INSTALL PANEL 1

- Measure the width of your first panel and mark the wall where the edge of the panel will come to. Allow for a slight bleed to account for uneven walls. For example if your panel is 23" w measure out 22.5" from the edge of the wall. Use your level to connect your marks and ensure your reference line is straight. It is important to get your first panel hanging straight, so that the following panels go up straight too.
- Unbook the top half of the panel and place in position along your reference line allowing a 1" bleed at the top.
- **Use a plastic scraper** or squeegee to smooth out the panel onto the wall. Unbook the second half of the panel as you go.
- **Using the exacto knife** and straight edge ruler, trim back the excess wallpaper, following along the line of the ceiling, baseboards and corners.

**PRO TIP:** Use the ruler as a guide by holding it in the crease and running your blade right next to the ruler. Keep your knife right against the ruler in the seam and it will ensure there is no gap between the mural and your ceiling or baseboard.

- Use the seam roller to secure the edges.
- Use the sponge to wipe away excess water if needed.

#### STEP 5 - INSTALL PANELS IN ORDER

- Continue installing panels in chronological order.
- Activate the glue on each panel only as needed.
- Line up following panels to the edge of the previous panel, taking care to match the pattern.
- Panel seams run vertically and should have a tight fit.
- Use the seam roller one more time to ensure good adhesion.