



Smooth Water Activated Installation Instructions

Tools Needed

- Sponge
- Pencil
- Smoothing Brush
- Spray bottle or dip tray
- Plumb line or spirit level
- Steel Spatula
- Wallpaper Knife
- Sandpaper
- Scraper

Preparations

- Wall Patterns will be numbered at the bottom of each panel. The order of your panels will correspond with the left to right sequence.
- Clear furniture & other obstructions from work area.
- Clean wall with lightly damp cloth using tap water to ensure it is free of dust and debris. Do not use chemicals.
- Wall should be smooth and clean. Sand any rough areas, if necessary. Prime if it has not been previously painted.
- Turn off breaker to any electricity running to the wall you are installing on (only required for when installing around outlets or light switches). Remove & cover exposed outlets or switches to protect them from getting wet.
- Cover your flooring with tarp or absorbent drop cloth, if necessary.

Apply Wall Covering

- Unroll the wall covering. Ensure it will cover the entire area per the measurements you supplied when ordering. Lay panels flat for a while allowing them to uncurl.
- Measure the width of your panels, and begin installation from the left wall corner. If it is not plumb (most are not), draw a plumb line out from the corner at 1" less than the width of the panel.
- Using a spirit level or plumb line, mark a straight line down the wall to act as a right side guide when applying the panel. You can repeat the plumb lines across the wall at spaces equal to the width of your panels for additional guidance, if necessary.

- Spray water to the back of the panel until thoroughly saturated. If you prefer to place in a dip tray, roll the panel paste side out and submerge in water for no longer than 20-30 seconds. Remove from water and unroll the panel. Gently fold the sheet with adhesive parts facing each other to keep moist and allow adhesive to activate. Set aside for 3 minutes.
- Unfold panel and line up the right edge to the plumb line. The left edge can be pushed tight into the corner with a papering tool/scrapper. It is important that this first panel is perfectly plumb.
- Carefully smooth out bubbles and creases using a broad smoothing brush, not a squeegee, from the middle of the panel out to the edges. Be sure to keep the brush clean at all times.
- As you install your second and remaining panels, slide each left hand edge to butt join and match the design. Do not overlap the seams. Smooth the wall covering surface as previously described. Repeat these steps to install your remaining panels.
- If necessary, re-spray with water around the edges during the entire process. Allow surface to dry to the touch and wipe off any excess adhesive using a damp cloth or sponge.
- Trim top and bottom and around any framework. – Ensure that the wall covering is pushed into the corners and edges with your papering tool before trimming the excess. Steel rules or spatulas are ideal for neat and straight cuts. Replace your knife blade often – a dull blade may tear the paper.
- Wall covering will remain repositionable as long as it is wet – this allows you to easily be able to align the panels.

Removal

- Spray the surface of the wall covering with water, allowing the water-based adhesive to relax for easier removal.
- Start at the top of the image and remove a 6-8" section of the panel completely, and then continue to draw the product back on itself at a 180° degree angle until the image is completely removed.
- In instances where the substrate appears to be very tightly bonded to the surface, spray more water. After moistening the surface, allow the wall-covering to stand for 60-90 seconds and then return to peeling the wall covering back upon itself.
- Use a wet cloth to remove any remaining adhesive from surface.