

## WALLPAPER CARE AND INSTRUCTIONS

If you are not experienced at hanging wallpaper, we strongly recommend that you contract with a wall covering contractor for your installation. Please contact Trove for a list of members of the National Guild of Paperhangers in your area or check their web site: http://www.thepaperhangers.com/

## **Wall Preparation**

Walls must be clean, dry, and free of dust, grease and other contaminants. Existing wall coverings should be removed and wall covering adhesives washed off. If your walls are currently painted, they should be scraped smooth to remove any existing texture or imperfections. Prime walls with an acrylic wall covering primer. We recommend Guardz but there are other options. Priming is essential to achieving good adhesion to the walls while preventing damage in the future should it be removed.

## Installation

Trim unprinted white selvedge. This step will allow you to see the overlap when matching the seams. The exact trimming of this edge is not critical as a 1 inch overlap has been provided.

Once a starting point has been established, draw a plumb line at the width of the first column to be installed. A laser-level may alternatively be used to ensure that the first column is straight. We recommend the use of a premixed heavy-duty clear vinyl adhesive. Apply to the back of the wallpaper with a brush, roller, or paste machine. We strongly recommend that the wallpaper relaxes or books 5-10 minute before being applied to the wall.

Apply the first panel to the wall at the plumb line. Smooth wallpaper with a plastic soothing tool or vinyl wall covering smoothing brush taking care to remove air bubbles as you go. Next, cut the excess from the top and the bottom of the column. Next, apply the second panel to the wall overlapping approximately 1 inch from each edge or (total 2 inches), taking care to match-up the image with precise care. The patterns should match well with this overlap in-mind. Even though many of the patterns do not contain hard edges, it is important to look for and match the subtle gradations that occur at the overlaps.

Experienced installers may use a double-cutter at this point or you can cut through both layers in the middle of the overlap using a six-foot straight edge and a #9 single-edge blade. Change blades after each cut to insure a clean seam. Take care to avoid damage to the wall when cutting directly on the wall. This is a paper substrate but it cuts like vinyl. Once the seam is cut, remove the extra paper under both columns at the edge. Wash off the excess adhesive from the face of the wall-covering, smooth the seam with a seam roller if needed and towel dry the panel.

## **General Care**

In most cases, cleaning with water should be enough to remove any dirt or other marks from the paper. In some cases a mild detergent like dish soap can be used for more difficult stains. Abrasive detergents or tools must **not** be used. These may damage the paper. The wash/scrub rating on Trove papers is 100 cycle, which is similar to flat latex paint, so use the same caution you would use with any flat finish surface when caring for this product.