How to Install Your Wallcovering

At Designer Claret we always advise using a professional decorator to install your wallcovering for a perfect finish (we love Scott Ingram's work and would highly recommend checking out his professional installs: @scott.ingram.decorating)

Equipment - Ladder, Caulker (wallpaper applicator tool), Tape measure, Sharp cutting knife, Plumb line or laser level or pencil with measuring guide, Sponge and bucket of clean water, Ready mix wallpaper paste*, Pasting brush or textured 12mm pasting roller and Small paint brush to apply paste.

1. Make sure that the wall is fully dry and prepped before starting to install your new wallcovering, use a primer to help with adhesion. Check out the 'How to Prep your walls' section. Double check you have the correct amount of wallpaper by measuring your wall(s) again.

2. Measure with a tape measure 100cm from the corner of the wall that you are starting with, use a plumb line or laser level or measuring guide to draw a vertical line with a pencil. This is a guide to help you hang your first drop.

3. Evenly apply the paste the wall adhesive to the wall with a textured 12mm roller, covering the entire area that the first drop will sit and an additional 25cm of the area ready for the next drop. Use a small paint brush apply wallpaper paste around any sockets or fittings and right up to the edge of the skirting or ceiling.

4. Hang the first drop carefully and slowly on the wall and position it so that you have overhang on the top and bottom, this will be trimmed off later. Hang the drop making sure that the edge of the wallpaper is aligned with both the wall and the vertical line guide drawn earlier.

5. Next flatten out the wallpaper gently with your hands so that the drop is attached to the wall. Using a wallpaper applicator tool, smooth out all the air bubbles working from the centre outwards in sweeping motions for a smooth finish.

6. Repeat this process with the next drop, matching up the pattern.

Once you are happy with the pattern match then use a spirit level or other measuring guide to cut a straight line with a sharp cutting knife on the wallpaper to reveal a neat splice and the pattern matched perfectly. This method is called splicing and gives a neat finish when applying wallpaper, there is a 25mm overlap added to all our wallpapers for splicing and the perfect finish – see Papergraphics install video (https://vimeo.com/549193449) OR OPT FOR A PROFESSIONAL DECORATOR!

7. After both these drops are applied to the wall use a damp sponge to wipe the surface of the wallpaper. Then cut the excess paper at the top and bottom with a sharp cutting knife trimming the excess so that the wallpaper is sitting snug into the skirting board and flush to the ceiling.

8. Now repeat this process for the other drops, matching the pattern up with the previous drops ensure to step back and double check that the pattern matchup is correct and the wallpaper is on straight.

Enjoy your new wall covering!

Please note: for a mural/scene - Each panel will be numbered to indicate the order in which to install.

How to splice (IF CONFIDENT or HIRE A PROFESSIONAL)

In the middle of the 25mm overlap, gently cut using a measuring guide onto the wallpaper.

Remove excess wallpaper from outer drop.

Remove excess from the drop behind and add more paste if required.

Smooth down the edge to match up cleanly with the previous drop and give a perfect join.

*We recommend using a ready mixed wallpaper paste such as Murabond Heavy Adhesive, Solvite Ready Heavy Mix, Beeline or equivalent to hang your Designer Claret wallcovering. Do NOT use a self-mix paste as the adhesive will not be strong enough for our wallpaper.