



HANGING INSTRUCTIONS FOR HANDMADE METAL LEAF WALLCOVERINGS

Important Notice:

DO NOT INSTALL MORE THAN 2 STRIPS. IF ISSUES ARISE CONTACT ALTFIELD OR DESIGNER BEFORE PROCEEDING.

Carefully inspect the installation after applying three strips before proceeding. If, at any time during the installation, a discrepancy occurs or unsure of how to progress, stop. Any cut, trimmed or hung products after 2 strips are non-returnable.

- ❖ These wallcoverings are handcrafted from natural materials may be finished with colour washes. Wallcoverings can display certain irregularities which are inherent to the production process. These are handmade using gold and silver leaf, do not expect perfect leaf squares. This variation is the natural characteristic of these wallcoverings and it is not considered a defect.
- ❖ Side matching is not exact as leaf is hand laid. We recommend aligning at eye level.
- ❖ Product is not guaranteed against fading or colour change, please avoid direct and blight reflected sunlight.
- ❖ Do not use in areas with high humidity.

Prior to Installation:

- ❖ Examine each roll to be sure the product is what was ordered. Each bolt should be rolled out so colour and shading can be examined to your satisfaction. All rolls must have the same production number. Hang in sequence as cut from bolt.
- ❖ **No adjustment or claim will be considered because of variation in colour or shading once material has been cut. Carefully inspect the installation after applying two strips before proceeding.**
- ❖ Material is not pre-trimmed. Creased edges of paper can happen in transit, this will be trimmed off and is not a fault.
- ❖ Avoid folding or creasing after cutting, this will create markings on the product.

Wall Preparation:

- ❖ Proper wall preparation is essential, they must be smooth and clean. Wallcoverings will not adhere to dirt, soap or grease. **Always apply wallcovering primer prior to installation.** This ensures an even surface for the wallcovering to adhere making it easier to hang. If working around switch plates turn off electricity.
 - **Old walls:** Remove all old wallcoverings or any loose or flaking paint and fill cracks with patching compound. Sand to a smooth finish. Sand off bumps and clean walls. Apply sealer and high quality lining paper as base for wallcovering as required.
 - **New walls:** Make sure plaster has set and dried before applying wallcovering. Prepare walls and size. Apply high quality lining paper if required as base for wallcovering.
- ❖ With darker wallcovering, chalking the edges of the paper and stripping the wall joins with similar coloured paint is recommended.

Wallcovering Application:

- ❖ A premixed, non-staining, clear drying, adhesive, suitable for paper should be used. We recommend **Beeline Ready Mix, medium grade** or **Brewers Red lid Specialty**. Please read the label to confirm before proceeding. Other adhesives are suitable depending on wallcovering. We recommend pastes with a mould inhibitor.
- ❖ Apply paste with a roller to ensure even application taking care not to get adhesive on surface, Do not use a pasting machine when hanging this product.
- ❖ Double cutting is recommended, but may also be table trimmed and butted on the wall.
 - **If double cut/splicing on wall**, tape seams to protect from staining. Overlap strips 3-5cm and cut with a straight edge and a fresh blade, taking care not to score on the wall. Use splice guard to protect wall if required.
 - **If table trimmed**, material should be trimmed with a fresh blade and a straight edge.
 - **INSTALLATION METHOD IS UP TO THE DISCRETION OF THE INSTALLER AND WE RECOMMEND PERFORMING A TEST INSTALLATION.**
- ❖ Booking time should fall between 5-10 minutes depending on site conditions – **DO NOT FOLD as this can crease the wallcovering**. Paste and hang one strip at a time. Avoid excessive soaking. Treat your product with extreme care. It is essential to allow wallcoverings sufficient relaxing time to avoiding Bubbling, Shrinking and seam opening.
- ❖ Use a soft brush paper sweep or wallpaper smoother to apply wallcovering to wall. Do not use a metal knife or stiff sweep. Use extreme care at seams and face as not to damage surface of natural wallcovering.
- ❖ Material should be hung from the end of the roll - **We do not recommend reverse hanging**.

Care & Maintenance:

- ❖ Wallcovering should be cleaned regularly with dusting brush or lightly damp cloth to remove dirt and dust.
- ❖ Performance is made to last with routine attention and professional maintenance.
- ❖ Product is sensitive to prolonged contact with liquid.