

# The Keys | Installation Instructions

Grasscloth and Paperweaves

Wallquest Inc. paper weave and grasscloth wallcoverings are created with beautiful, natural materials and printed using environmentally safe water based inks.

## Keys to a Successful Installation

- Installation by an experienced professional paper hanger is strongly recommended.
- Inspect the wallcoverings after hanging three strips and throughout the installation to see if it meets your expectations. If you notice any problems during the installation, stop hanging and consult your supplier. Claims for labor will not be honored. THE WALLCOVERINGS WILL BE CONSIDERED ACCEPTABLE ONCE MORE THAN THREE STRIPS OF WALLCOVERINGS HAVE BEEN HUNG.
- All rolls should be from the same run/batch number.
- Be sure you have enough of all decorative materials before beginning the installation.
- Careful wall preparation is vital to achieve the perfect finish.
- Use a high quality wall liner such as Wallquest® Premium Wall Liner (WL100) before hanging.
- Use a high quality pre-mixed, clear adhesive such as Wallquest® Adhesive, Roman® or Bartoline®
- Use a very sharp blade and change the blade frequently to ensure a clean cut.
- Allow wallcoverings to remain in the site for 3 days at normal environmental conditions before installing.
- Over time the color of the natural fibers will gradually change.

#### Wall Preparation

The walls must be clean, dry and free from grease, dirt, mold or and any loose material. Apply a stain killing primer if necessary. Then apply a primer specifically designed for wallcoverings installation and wall protection. Allow primer to dry then seal the walls with wallpaper size. Again, allow the walls to dry completely before proceeding.

#### Wall Liner Installation

Install the wall liner in a horizontal manner. This will help to eliminate any existing imperfections in the wall. It will also ease the removal of the wallcoverings in the

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future. When the walls are dry they should be sealed using a wallpaper size.

### Hanging Paper Weave and Grasscloth Wallcoverings

- 1. Cut and hang only one strip at a time. Cut each strip to the height of the wall plus 15 cm (6 in). BE SURE TO ACCOUNT FOR THE MATCH OF THE PATTERN BEFORE CUTTING THE STRIP.
- 2. Apply the adhesive directly to the wall (not the strip) using a brush or roller. Be sure that the area covered is slightly wider than the strip to be hung.
- 3. Start hanging each strip from the top and use a soft brush to smooth it into place. Try to minimize the amount of paste on the face of the wallcoverings during hanging. Low tack painters tape can be used to protect the edge of previously hung adjoining strips from paste.
- 4. Carefully use your palms to butt the edge of each of the strips together.
- 5. Gently use a seam roller with a plain piece of paper to ensure that the edges are firmly adhered to the wall. If you apply too much force the roller may leave an indentation in the wallcoverings.
- 6. Use a sharp blade and a straight edge to trim the top and the bottom of the strip.
- 7. Use a wet cloth or sponge to carefully rinse off each strip as it is hung. Do not soak. The materials are sensitive to prolonged contact with water. DO NOT ALLOW THE PASTE TO DRY ON THE SURFACE. DO NOT SCRUB.
- 8. Once installed, allow the wallcoverings to dry naturally without additional heat or forced drying. Be sure there is adequate ventilation in the room.

#### <u>Cleaning</u>

Cork and Grasscloth Wallcoverings can be cleaned using a sponge or soft cloth and warm water. It is best to only use a gentle, soft brush vacuum to clean dirt from the surface.

For additional information or technical support contact Winfield Customer Service at 800-468-6800.

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