



Specialty Effects Cork

Installation Instructions

Important Notes

Natural wallcovering such as Cork are handcrafted from natural material and finished with color washes. There are often slight irregularities in the natural materials along with subtle color variations. This variation is the natural characteristic of these wallcoverings and it is not considered a defect.

Seams may be obvious upon installation and there will be a panel effect. This is normal and to be expected.

Exercise care in handling to avoid damage.

Inspection of Material

This wallcovering is pre-trimmed. Please verify the contents of your carton(s) to confirm the pattern, color and quantity are as ordered. Make sure you have the same run or can use the multiple runs authorized by changing runs only at inside corner break points. Review the material for color and consistency, knowing that this is a natural cork product and, while we strive to have as much uniformity as possible, some color and pattern variations are to be expected and accepted.

Both the unwrapped wallcovering and the adhesive selection must acclimate for 48 hours to stabilize and arrive at the site temperature and humidity. Install between 55 degrees and 90 degrees F. Relative humidity should be 40-70%.

Surface Preparation

Proper surface preparation is critical. All surfaces must be smooth, clean, dry and free of mildew, grease, dust and/or stains. If you must seal the wall for stain containment, apply that coating first and allow it to fully dry.

- Existing wallcoverings and any calcimine coatings must be full removed. Any residual adhesive from prior wallcoverings must be removed.
- Existing glossy or alkyd coatings must be sanded in order to have tooth and be opened up.
- Sand all patches and stabilize them. Strive for a level 4 Gypsum Association finish level.
- Prime your final surface with a high quality acrylic wallcovering approved primer such as Roman UltraPrime (977) or Roman R-35 (935). An overnight dry time is recommended.

Application of the Material to the Surface

- Examine the rolls. Each should be numbered. Install in sequence moving lowest to highest roll. Cut all strips/sheets in proper sequencing from within each roll, using a pencil to number the back of the sheets for proper sequencing. Fill in over doors and windows with consecutively cut sheets as you come to them. Do not drop in headers later.
- Verify the moisture content of your walls with a moisture meter. It should not exceed 8%.
- Identify your starting point and mark a plumb line (if not using a laser.)



- A pre-mixed, non-staining, clear, water based wallcovering adhesive should be used, read the label. Apply paste to the back of the material with roller to ensure even application taking care not to get adhesive on surface. Do not use pasting machine. Booking time should fall between 5-10 minutes. Paste and hang one strip at a time. Avoid excessive soaking.
- Always apply wallcovering primer to the wall prior to installation. This ensures an even surface for the wallcovering to adhere making it easier to hang and remove later on.
- Avoid folding or creasing which may create markings on the product.
- As paneling can be expected we recommend reversing the strips and double cutting the material to ensure the best seam. These cork wallcoverings have a factory edge and must be trimmed.
- Use a soft bristle sweep or cushioned smoothing blade (of a softer plastic, not metal) to smooth each sheet into place. Take care to keep any/all adhesive off the face of the material at all times.

Evaluation of the Material

After three sheets/strips, evaluate for appearance and consistency. Seek approval from site parties to allow you to continue. If any concerns are noted, inform your local sales representative or Customer Care immediately at 800-621-4006 or contact your local rep. If, at any time during the installation, a discrepancy occurs, stop and contact the designer or Winfield Thybony before proceeding to install any additional material. The manufacturer is NOT responsible for any claims which involve material beyond three sheets/strips.

Maintenance

Wallcovering should be cleaned regularly with you vacuum brush attachment to remove dirt and dust. Product is sensitive to prolonged contact with water.