

# ANNA FRENCH

## Instructions for hanging Anna French Wide Width Wallcovering

EASY TO INSTALL, STRIPPABLE, WASHABLE, SCRUBBABLE

**Before you start to hang:** Examine goods to make certain pattern and color is accurate and as ordered. Review each bolt label and make certain the run number is the same for all bolts received. Review item numbers to insure all are the same. Install all wallcovering under adequate lighting and heat conditions that will exist when space is occupied. This wallcovering is untrimmed and should be installed by experienced wallcovering installers.

**Preparation:** Our quality wallcovering may be applied to any smooth, clean, dry surface. Remove old wallcovering completely and remove remaining adhesive. Cracks should be filled with spackling compound and sanded smooth. Glossy or enamel walls should be lightly sanded and washed with common household detergent. Prime all walls with a Universal Pre-Wallcovering primer.

**Important:** Plaster and masonry walls should not exceed 5.5% moisture as measured by a moisture meter. Do not install wallcovering unless a temperature of 55 degrees Fahrenheit / 12.77 degrees Celsius or higher is maintained in both areas of installation and storage for three days prior to the installation.

**Mildew:** Mold and mildew require moisture in order to grow, therefore it is important that any excessive moisture in the wall be corrected prior to installation. Old walls where mold spores may be present, should be washed with a detergent solution or cleaned using a vacuum with a HEPA filter. Then treat with a chlorine bleach solution of 1 cup bleach to 4 quarts water to kill any remaining spores. Rinse clean and let dry.

**Adhesives:** This wallcovering requires the use of a heavy-duty, clear, premixed vinyl adhesive. Dilution of the adhesive should be avoided.

**Application:** Hang the first strip parallel to a plumb line. Cut strips a few inches longer than required to allow for trimming at ceiling and baseboard. Once the best hanging sequence has been determined, continue around the room in the same sequence until you complete the room. Be sure to match the design and do not overlap seams. By first laying two strips together on a table or floor prior to pasting, the proper match can be determined.

Apply the recommended adhesive to the back using a paste machine or paint roller. Work the adhesive to cover the back completely, especially near the edges. Fold or "book" each end toward the middle, pasted sides together, aligning the edges carefully so that they do not dry out. Do not crease the wallcovering. Allow the booked wallcovering to relax for 8-10 minutes. This will allow the adhesive to penetrate the wallcovering backing.

Care should be taken to allow enough material to wrap an outside corner so that the seam is as far in from the corner as possible. A heat gun can be used to facilitate ease of installation around corners.

**Important:** After 2 or 3 strips are installed, inspect the wallcovering. If a flaw is prominent, stop hanging and contact the supplier of the wallcovering. No allowance for labor or material will be made past 3 strips. As a gesture of goodwill Thibaut will reimburse \$200.00 to any professional installer that adheres to the conditions noted above.

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**To clean:** Stains and paste on the surface should be removed as quickly as possible to eliminate any possible reaction between the staining agent and the wallcovering. Ordinary dirt and smudges can be removed with mild soap and warm water. Clean from the bottom of the wall upward to protect the baseboard and to prevent streaking. Rinse thoroughly with clean water using a sponge. Blot the wallcovering dry with a soft, lint-free towel such as a Microfiber towel.

**Product use advisory:** This product is intended for use in buildings designed and maintained to avoid moisture accumulation on or within the walls. The features that make non-woven wallcovering so cleanable and durable also render it very low in permeability. Non-woven wallcovering should not be installed on walls that contain excessive moisture or are subject to moisture infiltration. If mold or mildew is present or if the walls show moisture damage or have excess moisture content, do not proceed with the installation. Moisture infiltration and water vapor in and behind the wall must be eliminated for proper performance.