

# THIBAUT

## Instructions for hanging Thibaut Backed Fabric Wallcovering

### EASY-TO-INSTALL ENGINEERED FABRIC FOR WALLS

**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 un-trimmed 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:** 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, premixed, clear vinyl adhesive. Dilution of the adhesive should be avoided.

**Application:** As this wallcovering is untrimmed, table trimming is the recommended method. Trim the selvage starting at the acrylic backing using a sturdy straight edge, changing blades often, dull blades will tend to drag the fibers. Trimming on a polycarbonate cutting surface is also recommended.

For best results this is a paste-the-wall product. Consider using a light painters tape to cover the edges of the previously installed strip, so that the paste coming out of the seams will not settle on the installed strips. Gently smooth the wallcovering using a plastic smoother. Do not use a seam roller.

We have found that hanging the wallcovering in the same direction, without reversing strips, has produced the most even shading. However installers on the job should make the final determination.

Due to the unique construction of this product, seams will be noticeable and are an inherent quality of this wallcovering.

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.

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**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.

**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 fabric. If cleaning of the surface is necessary pre-test the cleaner in a hidden area checking for color change. Use a small amount of water-based cleaner applied to a dampened towel to avoid spreading the stain. Work from the outside edge to the center of the stain. Blot the cleaning agent on, do not rub. Remove the cleansing agent by misting the fabric with clean water and blotting it dry with a Microfiber towel. For more difficult stains, dry cleaning solvent or diluted household bleach is recommended. Do not rub or brush excessively as this may cause fuzzing.

Regular and proper maintenance of your fabric wallcovering permits less frequent cleaning. Ongoing care will reduce soil build-up on the fabrics surface. Vacuum regularly with a proper upholstery attachment to thoroughly remove air borne dust and lint. And remember, do not rub or brush excessively as this may cause fuzzing.