

# THIBAUT

## Instructions for hanging Thibaut Cork Wallcovering

**STOP: DO NOT CUT OR INSTALL UNTIL YOU HAVE READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS**

Cork is a unique and often stunning decorative wallcovering, which has rapidly grown in popularity among discerning homeowners. Cork wallcovering adds depth and warmth to your environment. For the best results, we recommend a professional wallcovering installer should hang these wallcoverings. Cork wallcoverings are made with natural cork and have beautiful natural textures with a soft organic feel, you should expect to see color variations. These variations are not defects and are considered part of the beauty of the product.

### **BEFORE YOU CUT OR HANG, PLEASE BE SURE YOU HAVE:**

**1.** The correct wallcovering, dye lots match and the correct amount of wallcovering to finish the job.

**2.** Inspect the wallcovering carefully to ensure it is free of defects:

If no defect is evident before installation, the material should be inspected after three strips are installed. If any defect is evident at this time (or at any point in the installation) no additional material should be hung until Thibaut is notified. As a gesture of goodwill, if a quality flaw causes the paperhanger to delay the completion of the job, Thibaut will reimburse \$200 to the professional installer that adheres to the conditions noted above. No additional labor claims will be allowed, and all claims must be made within 30 days from date of invoice.

**If you have any questions, please stop and contact Thibaut before proceeding.**

### **WALL PREPARATION:**

**1.** The walls to be covered must be properly prepared to insure that the wallpaper will adhere to the wall. Even the strongest adhesive can only work when the wall surface is clean and properly prepared.

**2.** We recommend the use of a Universal Pre-Wallcovering Primer on all surfaces prior to the installation of this wallcovering. The use of a pre-wallcovering primer assures a properly prepared surface, increases adhesion and makes hanging easier.

**3.** Allow the primer to dry thoroughly before hanging.

### **HANGING GUIDELINES:**

Natural cork wallcoverings are delivered in bolts, each panel should be cut and installed in the sequence that it comes off each bolt. For random match patterns the edges are pre-trimmed, you may wish to double cut the wallcovering to create as fine a seam as possible. Also for random match patterns strips can be reverse hung if this produces the most even shading. Install the wallcovering under permanent lighting conditions to evaluate color and texture.

*continues to next page* →

**ADHESIVE:**

1. We recommend a clear pre-mixed vinyl adhesive.
2. Apply the paste to the back of the paper, which will become flexible and easier to hang. Pasted rolls should be booked for 2 to 5 minutes, to allow the paper to absorb moisture and relax. Do not over soak, as it may cause the cork to separate from the paper backing.

**INSTALLATION:**

1. Always start and end in a corner. This way the dark and light strips joining in the corner will be far less noticeable. Do not wrap a corner if the next strip is noticeably different, just trim and start again.
2. With random designs reverse hanging the strips will reduce paneling yielding pleasant undulations of color.
3. The decorative inks on corks are water-based vegetable dyes. Do not allow paste or water to stain the front of the wallcovering. Both paste and water will change the color of the design on the face of the paper.
4. Do not handle with wet hands. If you get dye on your hands, wash them with liquid dishwashing detergent and water. Dry your hands completely before touching the paper.
5. Smooth from top of the panel down with a soft brush, a dry soft sponge or your hands working out the air bubbles. Do not use plastic or metal blades. Do not use a seam roller.
7. Use a vacuum with a soft bristle brush to clean the cork. Water should not be applied at any time when cleaning.

**RETURNS:**

Only unopened double rolls are returnable for credit within 30 days of invoice and are subject to the prevailing restocking charge.