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## Instructions for hanging Thibaut Vinyl Wallcovering with woven and non-woven backing

PRE-TRIMMED, EASY TO INSTALL, SCRUBBABLE, STRIPPABLE, DURABLE, SCUFF, MILDEW, STAIN RESISTANT

Your purchase of our wallcovering will reward you with many years of complete satisfaction. To assist you in this application we offer the following instructions.

**Before you start to hang:** Examine goods to make certain pattern and color is accurate and as ordered. Have all associated product in your possession to insure correct color match. 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 heated conditions that will exist when space is occupied.

**Important:** If after hanging the first three strips, you notice any defects in the material, STOP work and notify your supplier. NO ALLOWANCES FOR LABOR OR MATERIAL WILL BE MADE PAST THIS POINT. Product does not change appearance from wet to dry.

**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.

**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. On old walls where mold spores may be present, they should be washed with a detergent solution or cleaned using a vacuum with a HEPA filter. This should be followed by treating with a chlorine bleach solution of 1 cup bleach to 4 quarts water to kill any remaining spores. Rinse clean and dry.

**Adhesives:** This wallcovering requires the use of a heavy duty clear premixed vinyl adhesive. Note for a deeply embossed design such as the Alligator design use of a heavy duty clay base adhesive is required. 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. If you are using a textured design with a random match, or a stripe, you can reverse alternate strips and see if this will help blend the colors of the strips better. Printed design wallcoverings cannot be reversed. Once the best hanging sequence has been determined, continue around the room in the same sequence until you complete the room.

Apply the recommended adhesive to the back of the first strip using a 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 they do not dry out. Fold or roll the booked strip loosely and set aside for three to

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five minutes. Unfold your first strip halfway and install at the plumb line, unfold the bottom of the strip and keep aligned to the plumb line. Using a smoothing brush or a plastic smoothing blade to remove air pockets or paste lumps working toward the uncovered wall assuring complete adhesion. With clean water and a sponge, clean off any excessive adhesive on the face of the wallcovering. Trim at ceiling, baseboard, windows and doors with a single edge razor blade changing razor blades often.

**Important:** After 2 or 3 strips are installed, inspect the wallcovering. If pattern effect is not acceptable, or if there is variation in color, 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.

**Note:** *Extreme care should be exercised when trimming wallcovering around electrical outlets. Cut clean around all electrical openings so that there is adequate clearance allowed between material and electrical wiring and boxes.*

**To clean:** Sponge with a warm mild soap solution to remove ordinary dirt and smudges. For more difficult stains, use of a stronger detergent is recommended. Try an inconspicuous spot before attempting the entire wall. Always rinse the wall well after applying a detergent. Do not clean with steel wool or powdered abrasive cleaners or hard plastic scrubbers.