

The installer must trim off the white selvedge edge from the sides of the paper to match paper correctly.

Use a straightedge at the end of the printed pattern. Overlap, match and double cut on the wall using a double cut tape to protect your wall from being cut.

Note: Always hang this paper in sequence off of the roll. Variation in color may occur throughout the rolls.

Before trimming and cutting drops, ensure that you know the repeat and match. Check MerendaWallpaper.com for repeat sizes.

# Surface Preparation

Walls should be clean, dry, and even. Remove any old wallpaper and loose paint. There should be no mold, grease, or dirt present. Roughen painted surfaces with sandpaper. Scrape powdery flaky surfaces. New plaster should be completely dry. Wall surfaces should be primed and then prep-coated using a latex wallpaper prep coat and allowed to dry completely before beginning installation. We recommend using a Zinnser Shieldz wallpaper.

In some cases, or for a superior installation, a liner paper may be recommended. It is at the discretion of your paper hanger whether this step is necessary/recommended for your

installation. For superior results, a liner paper is recommended.

A professional paper hanger is recommended to best assess the ideal installation specifications based on your unique environment. For a professional paper hanger in your area, please consult the Wallpaper Installers Association (WIA) at WallCoveringInstallers.org. We recommend that the paper order quantities, or "roll counts," be carefully calculated. If you are using a professional hanger, they will provide this service. Or contact us directly for help calculating how much paper you need.

# 1. Inspect

Inspect the material to be hung for imperfections. Examining the paper before hanging is the buyer's responsibility. If any errors in the aforementioned are found, we ask that you submit the claim for review within two weeks of having received the wallpaper. Once cut, no claims for return may be made.

#### 2. Activate Adhesive

Loosely roll the sheet with the printed side facing in, completely submerge the rolled sheet in the water tray long enough to fully wet the panel, and activate the adhesive (10 to 15 seconds).

You can also use a sponge with water or a spray bottle with water to activate the paper.

Optionally, use a spray bottle filled with clean water and lightly spray the wall to assist in ease of movement when positioning.

## 3. Booking

Remove the roll by pulling the leading edge out of the tray slowly and lay the sheet on the floor glue side up.

The booked strip will now have graphics on both sides with the glue in contact with itself. The sheet should remain booked for approximately 5 minutes. Unfold the top half of the sheet, leaving the bottom half of the sheet booked.

Tip: If the product is made from natural fiber, it will expand slightly in water. For best results, soak and book each panel the same amount of time.

Important: Avoid creasing the paper when booking—it is not necessary for the booked panel to lay perfectly flat.

#### 4. Hang

Align the right-hand side of the first sheet with the straight (vertical) line you have marked using a pencil. Once the sheet is in position, lightly smooth the top section of the sheet allowing the rest of the sheet to drop down the wall.

### 5. Smooth

Smooth down the paper with the sponge and smoothing tool, working from top center to bottom edges.

While it is important to use a damp sponge to remove bubbles during the initial application, there's no need to worry about clearing smaller bubbles at this time. After 15 minutes, smooth out any remaining large bubbles using a smoothing tool. Bubbles that are smaller than a 50 cent piece will dissipate as the wallpaper sets.

Ensure that the edge stays on the pencil mark and use the smoothing tool to press firmly along the edge of the wallpaper to "lock it down."

**Note**: When smoothing, do not apply excessive pressure, as you do not want to damage the product.

#### Cleaning

In general, clean the surface using a microfiber cloth. Merenda Wallpapers are spot washable by gently using warm water and dabbing dry. Do not rub excessively or scrub, as this can cause burnishing or removal of color.

