



HOW TO HANG YOUR CONTRADO WALL COVERING

BEFORE YOU START

- Make sure that your Contrado Wall covering is intact and has not been damaged in transit. Unpack carefully.
- **STANDARD PAPER:** For best results use Polycell, Solvite Extra Strong or Murabond wallpaper pastes, and follow the instructions on the pack.
- **TEXTURED PAPER:** For best results use a “paste the wall” adhesive, such as Solvite Paste the Wall Wallpaper Adhesive.
- Paste the prepared area of wall, and apply your paper. No need for a paste table.
- Make sure that the area you are hanging your Contrado wall covering in is well-ventilated and at least 12°C (55°F). If you don't feel confident in hanging the Contrado wall covering yourself, contact a professional decorator.
- **PREMIUM PAPER:** No paste required. Use a water spray bottle to spray the wall. Available from your local super market or hardware store.
- Make sure that you have adequate lighting - so that you can inspect the material properly while you are hanging it and after it is in position.
- Make sure that the area you are hanging Contrado wall covering in is well-ventilated and at least 12°C (55°F). If you don't feel confident in hanging the Contrado wall covering yourself, contact a professional decorator.

SURFACE PREPARATION

- Scrub the wall area you are covering with a stiff bristle brush to remove all dirt and loose material.
- Clean your walls, using a detergent or sugar soap solution to remove any grease or surface marks. Allow to dry thoroughly before applying Contrado wall covering.
- Mould or algae on the surface should be treated with a fungicidal wash, using the instructions on the product. Allow to dry thoroughly before applying Contrado wall covering.
- Any holes, cracks or defects in the surface should be filled with good quality filler, smoothed out and allowed to dry.
- Remember: a dry surface is the right surface - so if you have to make repairs, be patient! Make sure your wall is completely dry before continuing.
- New or unpainted walls must be sealed with a PVA or similar wall sealant.

APPLYING TO DIFFERENT SURFACES

- **Uncoated Absorbent Surfaces:**
Apply one coat of Polycell, Solvite Extra Strong, Murabond (or other high-quality) primer, diluted 1 part primer to 3 parts clean water. Allow to dry thoroughly.
- **Coated Absorbent Surfaces:**
Multiple coats of paint may impair the porosity of the surface and affect adhesion. If you are in any doubt whatsoever, or if an oil-based paint has been used on the surface, please

contact a professional decorator.

- If you are confident to proceed on your own, ensure all surfaces are dry and apply one coat of Polycell, Murabond (or other high-quality) primer, mixed as per product instructions. Allow to dry thoroughly.
- Now apply the Contrado wall covering to the surface using your wallpaper adhesive, making sure to treat one drop area at a time. Hang the Contrado wall covering in the direction of the design, and butt join or overlap subsequent drops. Trim as required. Some designs must be started from the middle and worked out to the outside edges.

Non-absorbent surfaces

- Very important! If the surface is cement or concrete or is unstable in any way, you should contact a professional decorator. Any filled, patched or absorbent areas should be made smooth and equalised in colour and absorbency with a similar pigmented oil-based paint.
- Now apply your Contrado wall covering to the wall surface using Solvite Extra Strong or Murabond Adhesive designed for a sealed surface, pasting the adhesive onto the back of the Contrado wall covering. Hang the Contrado wall covering in the direction of the design and butt join subsequent drops as required. If you have an even number of drops, it makes sense to start from the center & work outwards.
- Your chosen wallpaper paste should be applied one drop Area at a time, or it will end up getting messy. If you are hanging on uncoated plasterboard you must use Polycell or Murabond Easystrip Adhesive.

HANGING YOUR WALL COVERING

Standard

- Apply undiluted adhesive onto the back of the Contrado wall covering using a medium-pile paint roller. Only paste one drop (one length) at a time.
- Use a damp sponge to apply the Contrado wall covering to the prepared surface using a smooth up-and-down motion. Take care not to squeeze the adhesive out at the edges.
- Let your Contrado wall covering settle for about 15 minutes before trimming the top and bottom.
- To butt join drops of the Contrado wall covering, align the design top to bottom and work away from the butted edge with the same up-and-down motion using your soft sponge. You can also safely seal the butt joints using a small rubber roller along the join. Go easy with the roller, as overworking the join could cause damage to the edges.
- Wipe over the surface with a damp sponge to remove any adhesive residue.

Textured Paper

- Paste the pre-prepared wall evenly with the adhesive, not the whole surface, just the area that will cover the first strip.
- Align the top and bottom before “smoothing down” the wall-coverings with a wallpaper brush. As the glue hasn't dried

yet, adjustments are still possible until it is aligned perfectly. Now smooth the wallcoverings again to remove any air bubbles and irregularities.

- Next paste the adhesive onto the area where the second strip will be hung. Starting from the top, slide your 2nd piece into alignment with the 1st.
- For final adjustments and fine details use a small brush with adhesive, a soft cloth and a small rubber roller. Do not over-heat the room or open the windows while drying to prevent the air from blowing through. A slow, even and ambient drying method is recommended.

Premium

- Wall needs to be sealed, either painted or at least one coat of primer applied to surface. When it's time for a change, product can be easily removed from the wall in one piece
- Standard spray bottle can be used
- Fill spray bottle with tap water
- Turn nozzle to spray function
- Recommend water to be applied at rate of 100ml per 1 sqm
- Material can be re-positioned and re-aligned during first 10 minutes
- To butt join drops of the Contrado wall covering, align the design top to bottom and work away from the butted edge with the same up and down motion using your soft sponge. You can also safely seal the butt joins using a small rubber roller along the join. Go easy with the roller, as overworking the join could cause damage to the edges.
- Wipe over the surface with a damp sponge to remove any adhesive residue.

AFTERCARE

- Should your Wallpaper become dirty, wipe clean with a sponge and mild, soapy water. Clean only when necessary, and use as little moisture as possible. Do not rub hard: the inks will not run, but a nap in the paper may become apparent.

Disclaimer: Once the material has been applied to the wall, the product is deemed accepted and cannot be claimed as defective due to variations in mounting, adhesives, handling, and local environment (including humidity, heat, weathering or mold). Once you decide to cover the wall, we cannot be held liable for the alterations to the wall that are encountered when preparing or pasting your product. It is extremely rare that anything unusual should happen, but we are here to advise if there is anything you need to discuss after installation.

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We love seeing what our customers do with our products! Take a photo of your finished install and send to info@contrado.com to receive a free 40cm x 30cm canvas print.