

## INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS for Koroseal Interior Products

### 54" MYLAR Laminated Wallcovering

#### **STOP!**

***Koroseal Interior Products MYLAR wallcovering requires careful handling.***

**NOTE: Never use steel blade knives for smoothing wallcovering or seams. Wallcovering surface is softer than steel blades and damage to wallcovering surface will occur.**

#### **CONFIRM THE PRODUCT**

Before cutting this material, it is your responsibility to confirm the accuracy of the pattern, color and yardage; no returns will be allowed for cut material.

#### **PREPARE THE WALLCOVERING**

When applicable, confirm that consecutive bolt (roll) numbers are being used. For the best results, the wallcovering and building temperature should be allowed to warm to an optimal 70 degrees F prior to beginning work.

#### **PREPARE THE WALL**

Surfaces must be clean, smooth, dry and structurally sound. Remove loose paint and/or other surface contaminants. Surface imperfections should be taped, bedded and sanded smooth. Moisture levels in the walls must be checked with a moisture meter and should not exceed 4%. Any mildew must be removed and walls treated to inhibit further growth. Refer to the EPA website at [www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov) for mold removal guidelines.

\*Please Note: Koroseal MYLAR wallcovering will accentuate imperfections on the wall. To prepare the surface properly, we recommend priming with Roman Decorating PRO-977 Ultraprime.

#### **Electrical safety –**

Because Mylar is a “metallized” film care must be taken when installing around electrical receptacles, light switches or other electronic components. In addition, wallcovering paste is a conductor of electricity. To ensure your safety, cut off power to the circuits you are working on at the circuit breaker or fuse box. Be sure that the metallized wallcovering is not in contact with any exposed wiring, receptacle boxes or grounding wires. Trim wallcovering carefully in these areas to ensure there is no potential contact once switch plates or receptacle covers are replaced.

#### **CORNERS**

Koroseal MYLAR wallcovering may wrinkle at inside corners due to the nature of the product. We recommend cutting a seam at inside corners, to eliminate any wrinkles or creasing. For **outside** corners always carry wallcovering around corners at least 6”, then trim excess material from base moldings, door and window frames with a suitable razor knife and cutting guide. To prevent curling ensure there is adequate adhesive coverage at the edges and seams.

#### **ADHESIVE APPLICATION – Wet Hang**

Use Roman Decorating PRO 880 Ultra Clear Strippable adhesive, PRO-732 Extra Strength Clay adhesive, Koroseal A-848-B or PRO-774 Clay Strippable for roller pasting or machine use. **APPLY ONLY AT FULL STRENGTH – Whip or Stir DO NOT DILUTE!** Apply a liberal even coat of adhesive over the entire back of the wallcovering by either running strips through a pasting machine or with a 3/8” nap application roller. “Book” material for 10 minutes to ensure optimal adhesive tack, taking care not to crease the wallcovering.

#### **ADHESIVE APPLICATION – Dry Hang**

Use Roman Decorating PRO-732 Extra Strength Clay adhesive for roller pasting. **APPLY ONLY AT FULL STRENGTH** to wall– Whip or Stir **DO NOT DILUTE!** Apply an even liberal coat of adhesive using 3/8” nap application roller to no more than 3 drop sections of the wall. If performing a double cut, push-pin back loose top corner to avoid having the material fall. At the point of double cut you will need to open seam area, reapply a light coat of adhesive in the seam area to ensure an adequate bond. Lightly work seam back together and follow the remainder of these instructions.

## **INSTALL THE WALLCOVERING**

Before installing, EXAMINE PATTERN FOR COLOR AND REPEAT IN DESIGN. The decision as to whether the wallcovering should be reversed or straight-hung should be made by the client and decorator after the second strip is hung. Once this has been decided the same process must be followed throughout the area being decorated. Hang first strip even with a plumb line. Only full widths of material should be used for the most satisfactory installation. Material should be installed in roll sequence with each strip used in the order they are cut from the roll. Piecing or hanging headers with strips cut out of sequence can cause shading at the seams. Care must be taken not to crease the material and not to allow the paste to dry-out prior to application of the wallcovering. Smooth surface, working out air bubbles as you go using a damp sponge or a damp, clean, soft cloth. Care MUST be taken not to mar or scratch the surface. We recommend using a new/sharp razor knife or cutting tool when trimming or double-cutting any wallcovering to ensure best results. As each strip is installed, immediately remove excess adhesive from the wallcovering surface using a natural sponge and/or a soft damp rag frequently rinsed in clean warm water. Dry gently with clean toweling.

**NOTE:** During the installation process it is critical that adhesive be kept off the surface of the wallcovering. Excessive use of water or rubbing to remove adhesive residue may stain or alter the surface appearance.

CUT AND INSTALL THREE (3) STRIPS ONLY. After the first three (3) strips have been installed, inspect all for approval. If satisfactory, proceed with work. If not satisfactory stop work and contact your supplier.

IT IS MOST IMPORTANT THAT PERMANENT LIGHTING BE IN EXISTENCE PRIOR AND DURING INSTALLATION OF ALL WALLCOVERING. DO NOT INSTALL WITH TEMPORARY or "PIGTAIL" LIGHTING. **Manufacturer accepts no responsibility for hanging of additional material.**

## **SEAMING**

Seaming of Koroseal Interior Products MYLAR wallcoverings may be done in one of the following two methods:

The advised method is to overlap strips on the wall and cut through the overlap, taking care not to score the drywall. In order to avoid getting adhesive on the face of the material we recommend the use of masking tape at the seam. Overlap the strips about 2 inches and using a protected straight edge and appropriate double cutter, cut down the middle of the double lapped thickness. Use a fresh blade for each double cut. Remove the top and bottom strips and work into a tight seam using a damp sponge or lightly rubbing with a polyethylene or PVC smoothing blade. The second method is to butt the material. This keeps cleaning to a minimum, which is especially important when working with dark colors. The best butt seams require pre-trimming with a protected straight edge on a cutting table.

**As each strip is installed, carefully wash excess adhesive from seams.** Use a sponge dampened with clean, warm water, changed frequently, and dry with a clean soft towel. Adhesive residue will discolor seams or leave a dull vertical area. Adhesive not cleaned promptly from surface of wallcovering will be very difficult to remove.

## **Moisture, Mold and Permeability**

Koroseal Interior Products wallcovering can act as a vapor barrier and should **NOT** be installed on walls that are susceptible to excessive condensation or moisture infiltration. This may be more likely to occur in Humid and Fringe Zone 1 climates.

The following conditions should be observed:

- The building's exterior envelope must be weather-tight, and the HVAC system must be operating before and during installation.
- The wall surface to be covered must be completely dry and free of any indications of prior mold/mildew growth before installation.
- We do not recommend that our MYLAR wallcoverings be microvented, as this will change the appearance of the wallcovering.

