## OPTION E HANGING INSTRUCTIONS FOR REVERSIBLE PATTERNS



## PREPARATION OF GOODS

Examine goods to ensure that pattern, color, quantity, and quality is as ordered. Separate goods by shade lot number and organize in roll number sequence, starting with the highest number.

## PREPARATION OF SURFACE

Surfaces to be covered must be clean, smooth, dry, and structurally sound. Loose paint or other wallcovering must be removed. In order to ensure maximum smoothness of installation, nail heads, nicks, gouges, and other surface imperfections should be taped, bedded, and sanded smooth.

Walls should be checked with a suitable moisture meter and moisture content should not exceed 4%. Remove any mildew from wall and treat surfaces to inhibit further mildew growth.

Option E wallcoverings can be installed over almost any surface which has been properly prepared. Do not hang Option E wallcoverings over ballpoint pen writing, wax crayon, ink marker, oil-based stains, or any foreign matter that may bleed through. It is suggested that a pencil be used to mark the wallcovering or the wall, as pencil marks do not bleed.

Glossy surfaces should either be sanded to dull the surface or an application of Roman Pro 990; Rx 35™ Heavy Duty Primer should be made.

On new drywall, if future strippability is desired and no primer is specified, use a quality pigmented acrylic primer designed for use with wallcovering, along with a heavy duty clay based adhesive. Some drywall joint compounds contrast with the drywall paper surface, showing strong light and dark colored areas that may show through on lighter colored wallcoverings. The use of a pigmented primer will give the wall a uniform color and prevent this.

## APPLICATION OF WALLCOVERING

Before beginning hanging, examine pattern for color uniformity and any repeat in the design. Every other strip of the wallcovering should be reversed in order to ensure color uniformity. Only full widths of material should be used for the most satisfactory installation. All material must be installed in roll sequence (numerical) within a shade lot, starting with the highest number first and going in decreasing order, with each strip in sequence as cut from the roll.

Piecing or hanging headers with strips cut out of sequence can cause unsatisfactory shading. Overlapping and double-cutting, and pre-trimming the wallcovering both have advantages in making acceptable seams. Be careful not to score the drywall when double-cutting.

Apply an even coat of adhesive to the fabric side of the material using a stiff bristle brush, a roller, or a pasting machine in accordance with manufacturer's label recommendations. The wallcovering should then be booked prior to application to the wall. Smooth the surface, working out air bubbles as you go using a stiff bristle brush or a plastic smoothing tool. A steel broad knife should never be used to smooth the wallcovering, since Option E wallcoverings are softer than traditional wallcoverings. As each strip is installed, immediately remove excess adhesive from the wallcovering surface using a natural sponge and a soft bristle brush frequently rinsed in clean warm water. Dry with a clean towel. A professional paste cleaner should be used where adhesive has dried.

Vertical joints should not occur less than 6" from outside and inside corners.

Do not install wallcoverings unless a temperature above 55°F is maintained in both areas of installation and storage. Permanent building lights must be available for installation.

If after applying three (3) strips, there is some question of appearance, stop and contact your distributor.

We are not responsible for the appearance and performance of wallcovering not applied according to these instructions.