

MYLAR WALLCOVERING INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS



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STOP! Koroseal Interior Products mylar wallcovering requires careful handling. **NOTE:** Never use steel blade knives for smoothing wallcovering or seams. Wallcovering surfaces are softer than steel blades and damage to the 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°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 epa.gov for mold removal guidelines.

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.

TOOLS AND MATERIALS

Plastic smoothing tool, seam roller, paint roller with a 3/8" nap, natural sponge, white cotton towel, single edge razor blades or razor knife, a bucket of clean water, straight edge, and a 4' level or plumb line.

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 the wallcovering around corners at least 6", then trim excess material from base moldings and 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 a liberal, even coat of adhesive, using a 3/8" nap application roller, to no more than 3 drop sections of the wall. If performing a double-cut, push-pin back the loose top corner to avoid having the material fall. At the point of double-cut, you will need to open the seam area and reapply a light coat of adhesive in the seam area to ensure an adequate bond. Lightly work the seam back together and follow the remainder of these instructions.

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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 the 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 to not crease the material and to not allow the paste to dry out prior to application of the wallcovering. Smooth the surface, working out air bubbles as you go using a damp sponge or a damp, clean, soft cloth. Care **MUST** be taken to not 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 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". 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 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 Koroseal mylar wallcoverings be microvented, as this will change the appearance of the wallcovering.