

INNOVATIONS

Installation Guidelines for **SHIMLA**

WARNING:

DO NOT CUT OR INSTALL THIS MATERIAL UNTIL YOU HAVE READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS.
SHOULD A DISCREPANCY OCCUR, CONTACT INNOVATIONS CUSTOMER SERVICE IMMEDIATELY.

Important Notes Prior to Installation

- Examine your order and corresponding packing list to ensure that you have received the correct product. Please check material for defects prior to installation. **Product claims will not be considered on cut or installed material after (3) three panels have been hung.**
- **There are often slight irregularities in the natural fibers of the SHIMLA. This variation is a natural characteristic of this item and it is not considered a defect. Seams may be obvious upon installation.**
- **Raffia is hand-woven and variation in color and texture will create a panel effect on the wall. It is advisable to cut and layout all drops for SHIMLA prior to installation to panel material properly from light to dark.**
- **It is not uncommon to trim material up to 3" on each side prior to hanging for SHIMLA to minimize discoloration at the seams.**

Wall Preparation

- Proper surface prep is key. We recommend hanging product on new sheetrock.
- If new sheetrock is not available, walls must be mirror smooth and free of flaking paint and old adhesive.
- Monitor wall moisture levels. A wall that is not properly prepared or that has too much moisture content may not be conducive to proper adhesion.
- Apply an **acrylic or latex primer/sizer that is made specifically for wallcovering.**

Important Notes for Application

- We recommend a **heavy duty pre-mixed, clear, non-strippable water-based adhesive** to be used. **Do not dilute the adhesive.**
- Apply paste with roller to ensure even application taking care not to get adhesive on surface. **Do not use a pasting machine and avoid excessive soaking of material.**
- **Installation location must be climate controlled. Booking time will vary depending on temperature, climate and product backing.**

Hanging and Trimming of Materials

- **SHIMLA should be table trimmed and butted on wall**, using a fresh blade for each cut.
- Because paneling can be expected, **Reverse hanging is recommended on SHIMLA.**
- Hang SHIMLA in sequence as cut from bolt.
- All seams should be taped using only low adhesive tape (safe release tape), such as 3M Blue tape. This is to keep the seam surface clean when overlapping and/or butting materials.
- **Use soft bristle brush and wooden or padded roller to carefully apply wallcovering to wall. Do not use a metal knife or stiff sweep.** Avoid over working seams to prevent damage to edges.
- SHIMLA can be wrapped around a corner. Materials will soften once adhesive is applied to back of the paper. When wrapping an external corner, be sure to wrap corner by at least 6".