

# INNOVATIONS

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## Installation Guidelines for **AMALGAM**

### **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 AMALGAM. This variation is a natural characteristic of this item and it is not considered a defect. Seams may be obvious upon installation.**
- **Raffia is prone to variation in color and texture and naturally will create a panel effect on the wall. The metallic tendency of AMALGAM may also add to how pronounced the panel effect is, therefore it is advisable to cut and layout all drops for AMALGAM 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 AMALGAM 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

- **AMALGAM 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 AMALGAM.**
- **We advise that you cut and layout all drops for AMALGAM 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 AMALGAM to minimize discoloration at the seams.**
- 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.
- AMALGAM 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".