

# Restoration Elements Factory

## Cork Installation Instructions

- Surface Preparation:** All surfaces must be clean, dry, smooth and structurally sound. Sand finish plaster must be scraped smooth. Cinder or cement block must be plastered, cemented or suitably lined before application of wallcovering. Newly plastered walls must be thoroughly dry and cured before application. Prior wallcovering and adhesive should be fully removed and walls patched, smoothed and stable. A Gypsum Association Level 4 finish minimum is recommended. Walls that are tightly sealed with several coats of existing paint must be opened with rough sandpaper or steel wool to allow adhesive to dry. Avoid installing in areas of high moisture or prolonged direct sunlight exposure. Prime with a high quality universal wallcovering approved primer.
- Application:**
1. Before cutting and hanging, check color, condition, quantity, and quality. Be certain pattern and color are as ordered. Be sure that there is sufficient material to complete the job. No allowances will be given for cut material. Check each roll for uniformity or shading. Avoid creasing while inspecting the rolls.  
Should you have any questions, contact your MDC representative or customer service (800)621-4006 before proceeding. Even though great care has been taken in the production of this wallcovering, variations in texture and color will occur. This is a natural product, which will have inherent variations in color, texture and sheen. This is likely to result in paneling both from roll to roll as well as within any one roll. Such paneling is NOT a defect. Such shading between strips is likely to soften over time. If possible shuffle rolls to arrive at the optimal flow of color and shade from roll to roll and install in that sequence.
  2. Cut material in consecutive roll sequence, if so marked on the labels. This material may not have a sequence.
  3. A pre-mixed, heavy-duty vinyl adhesive (i.e. Roman PRO-880) should be used by the installer. Do not dilute.
  4. Apply the recommended adhesive to the back of the material using either a pasting machine or paint roller. Fold each end towards the middle, pasted sides together, aligning the edges carefully so they do not dry out. Do not crease the material. Allow the material to book for 2-3 minutes. Take care to keep adhesive off the face of the material. Hang one sheet at a time.

5. Use strips in exact order as they are cut from the roll. Butt the seams and reverse the strips as you proceed. Fill in over doors and windows as they come, with strips cut in consecutive order from the roll. This wallcovering has been pre-trimmed by the factory; however, the installer should assess all edges before proceeding and take trim if necessary, using a fresh blade for each cut.
6. Smooth material to hanging surface with a soft bristle sweep to eliminate air bubbles and ensure full adhesion. Remove any surface adhesive immediately using care and a clean damp white cotton cloth to carefully blot.

Note---due to the thickness of this material, it is recommended that all inside and outside corners are to be trimmed in place and then abutted together. **We do not recommend wrapping any corners.** This is not a washable wallcovering. Clean only with the soft brush attachment of a vacuum, no water or cleaning agent.

7. STOP AFTER APPLYING 3 STRIPS. If there are any variations in color and/or color match, this should be immediately communicated to MDC for inspection before proceeding further with installation. Seek approval from project personnel before proceeding.

**For additional information or technical support contact MDC Customer Service at 800-621-4006**