

### STOP AND READ BEFORE INSTALLING

If at any time during the installation a product or installation issue should be discovered – STOP! Contact your distributor or dealer before proceeding. After installing the first 3 strips of any wallcovering – STOP! Once again, make sure the product is correct, that there are no quality or product issues with the wallcovering. Should a quality issue or question arise, please call our installation HOTLINE at 1-800-797-4949, Option 4, Ext. 7749 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EST. Designtex will not take responsibility for any quality issues raised after the first 3 strips are cut and installed.

#### **Mold and Mildew Alert!**

Before installing any wallcovering, the building must be checked for any moisture problems that could have an effect on mold and mildew growth after the wallcovering is installed. Do not install any wallcovering if the walls appear to have any moisture damage or if the building appears to have moisture infiltration problems. If you are uncertain if moisture problems are present, contact your architect, mechanical contractor, or general contractor for the standard of care and best application or finish for that area and that design of a building. Designtex will not take responsibility for any quality issues if moisture problems are not addressed before installation. You should also refer to the Mold Handbook authored by the Wallcovering Association with respect to considerations for specifying vinyl wallcovering in various climates and for various building designs. The handbook can be located at: [https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.wallcoverings.org/resource/resmgr/product\\_performance/wa-mold\\_information.pdf](https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.wallcoverings.org/resource/resmgr/product_performance/wa-mold_information.pdf).

#### **Pattern Notes**

##### **6117V Pattu and 6555 Keshi**

The design of these products includes a horizontal emboss and print which, when reverse hung and randomly matched, will result in obvious aesthetic transition from panel to panel. The effect is similar to that of a natural grass or silk product.

##### **6722 Cambric and 6545 Luxe**

The design of these products includes metallic ink and/or a horizontal emboss, which may create slight paneling depending on lighting and viewing angle. This effect is inherent to the product's natural characteristics.

#### **Before Installing**

- Inspect each piece upon receipt. Immediately make a claim with the carrier if the pieces are damaged.
- Check to see that you have received what was ordered and that the rolls all have the same style and run numbers.
- If the material is to be stored, make sure the pieces are kept in a temperature controlled, dry area, and not crushed.

#### **Surface Preparation**

- Site conditions: For best results, finished lighting should be in place at the time of wall preparation and wallcovering installation.
- Acceptable hanging surfaces must be clean, smooth, dry and structurally intact.
- Any mildew must be removed from the walls and surfaces treated to inhibit further mildew growth. In humid, mold, and mildew prone areas we suggest the use of Zinsser Plus Mildew Proof Commercial Wallcovering System that offers protection against the growth of mildew. More extensive moisture problems may require additional steps before installation.
- Do not install wallcovering unless temperature above 55 degrees Fahrenheit is maintained.
- Prior to priming and skim coating, seal damaged drywall facing paper.
- Note: Crayon, pen markers, ink, screw and nail heads, and heavy pencil marks, and stains need to be sealed with a stain-killer prior to priming.
- For all new or refinished wall surfaces, a water-based wallcovering primer should be applied to surface before application of wallcovering. Use a wallcovering primer that dries to a solid color to help conceal drywall joints
- Where there is a color contrast between the wall surface and the wallcovering, it is always best to tint the primer to match the color of the wallcovering.
- Glossy and non-porous surfaces should be primed with a coat of an adhesion promoting primer such as R-35 prior to installation of wallcovering.

### Adhesive Application

- We recommend the use of a good quality heavy duty “clear” vinyl adhesive as made by Zinsser and Roman.
- It’s always advantageous to use a primer and adhesive from the same manufacturer.
- Do not dilute adhesive.
- In mildew prone environments, use of a mildew inhibitor is recommended. More extensive moisture problems may require additional steps before installation.
- New vapor permeable primers and adhesives are now available to wallcovering installers, which could reduce the risk of mold for all types of wallcoverings, versus the use of traditional primers and adhesives. Examples of such newly available permeable mildew systems are Zinsser’s V.P. Vapor Permeable™ System, specifically Shieldz V.P. Primer and Sure Grip V.P. Primer as described on their website ([www.zinsser.com](http://www.zinsser.com), tel. 732-469-8100) and Roman Decorating Products’ Ultra™ Plus Mildew System, specifically Ultra™ Plus Primer and Ultra™ Plus Adhesive ([www.romandecoratingproducts.com](http://www.romandecoratingproducts.com), tel. 800-488-6117).

### Wallcovering Installation

- Determine whether the pattern match is random, straight across, or drop match. Measure the wall height, allowing for pattern match, add 4", and then cut the wallcovering. It will overlap onto the ceiling and the base approximately 2".
- Cut rolls in sequential order starting with the highest number working down to the lowest number. Make certain that the run numbers are separated at break points such as corners. Number panels and headers as they are cut from the roll and apply to the wall in the same sequence.

- Any wallcovering design that does not have specific direction or horizontal match, could be installed by reversing alternate strips to ensure color uniformity at the seams. If the product appears paneled after installing the first three strips, we strongly recommend removing them and rehang three new strips using a straight hang method. If the issue persists, stop installation immediately and contact your local sales representative or call our installation hotline.
- If the wallcovering is table trimmed, use of a straight-edge and a razor is recommended. A fresh blade should be used on each cut. “Snap off” cutting tools are not recommended.
- The “overlap and double cut” method is an alternative method of installation with many fabric backed vinyl wallcoverings.
- All wallcoverings should be trimmed 2" to 4" on each edge to ensure best appearance.
- For patterns with a definite design (such as Note 8340 or Ledger 8275), do not reverse the strips. Overlap each strip approximately ½" and position it to maintain the match of the pattern.
- If paste does get on the vinyl wallcovering, clean it off immediately with warm water and blot dry with clean lint free towel. Use a soft bristle brush to clean if necessary. Change this water frequently. Be certain to wash the ceiling and the baseboard to remove any paste residue. Do not leave any overlap at the seams since vinyl will not adhere to itself. Seams should be vertical, have a tight fit, and free from air and paste bubbles. Seams should not be located closer than 6" to corners.
- Avoid burnishing the face of the material. Use a wallcovering brush or a plastic scraper to smooth the wallcovering onto the wall.
- Use a seam roller to flatten the edges at the seams, ceilings and baseboards. Use light pressure. Do not press hard enough to remove the adhesive from underneath the wallcovering.

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