DESARDI® instructions for applying wallpaper to the ceiling

Always read the instructions carefully before applying the wallpaper.

Material

1. First check if the material is received in good order and has not been damaged.
2. Make sure that the ceiling is smooth, solid, dry and free of mold or algae
3. Check the material after cutting 3 lengths, on colour consistency and surface texture as claims over 3 lengths may not be accepted.
4. Remove all old wallpaper, paint or whitewash, traces of inks or crayon.

Preparation

1. Measuring: Measure the size of the room/ceiling and make your print somewhat larger to account for edges that are not square, wall not being exactly straight, etc.

The use of wallcovering with a non-woven backing is recommended for this application since it is stronger, easier to apply and remove. Use butt joints between the printed panels this will give the best results, if applied in the correct way the joint will be hardly visible.

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2. Protect the floor: this will minimize the clean-up when you are finished.

3. Surface preparation: Put on safety goggles to protect your eyes. Scrape off any flaky paint and sand off rough areas. Be sure the surface is smooth since the wallcovering may not stick to very rough surfaces.

4. Surface preparation & adhesives: In case the ceiling has been plastered recently or is made from untreated plasterboard / gypsum board, it can be very absorbent and may have to be treated first with a dedicated primer in order to guarantee a good result. Most matte painted surfaces will work fine with the standard wallpaper paste. In case the surface is non-absorbent / glossy a dedicated adhesive for non-absorbent surfaces is recommended.

Only use PVA based adhesives, these adhesives have in general a higher initial tack which make life much easier, especially when working on a ceiling. The powder / water mixed adhesives are not recommended.

5. Remove all appliance from the ceiling such as lamps, fans, etc. Apply the adhesive to the ceiling in an even layer with a roller. As a rule of thumb count on roughly 200 gram of adhesive per square meter.

Do not apply more than you can cover in 5-10 minutes, the adhesive may dry out and loose strength.

6. Apply the wallcovering to the ceiling / wall and smooth out the wallcovering with a brush or rubble roller. A sharp squeegee may damage your print. Cut off the excess material. Working with two people makes life a lot easier.

7. Excess adhesive can be removed with a wet sponge.

8. Some small air bubbles may occur, normally they will disappear when the adhesive dries up.

9. Sit back, relax and enjoy the result of your hard work!