

# LEN-TEX

## INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS for 54" MYLAR-LAMINATED VINYL WALLCOVERINGS

# STOP!

### IMPORTANT – READ BEFORE PROCEEDING!

*This Mylar-laminated wallcovering is a specialty product and requires careful handling.*

**! NOTE: WHEN WALLCOVERING IS WET USE CAUTION WITH ITEMS THAT MAY SCRATCH THE SURFACE.** Additional cleaning information can be found at [www.lentexcorp.com](http://www.lentexcorp.com)

**! NOTE: Never use steel blade knives for smoothing wallcovering or seams. Wallcovering surface is softer than steel blades and damage to wallcovering surface will occur.**

### CONFIRM THE PRODUCT

Before cutting this material, it is your responsibility to confirm the accuracy of the pattern, color and yardage; no returns will be allowed for cut material.

### PREPARE THE WALLCOVERING

When applicable, confirm that consecutive bolt (roll) numbers are being used. To ensure a problem-free installation, the wallcovering and building temperature should be allowed to warm to an optimal 70 degrees F prior to beginning work.

### PREPARE THE WALL

All surfaces must be structurally sound, clean, dry, and sanded smooth. A Gypsum Assn smoothness level of 4-5 is recommended for best results. Existing wallcovering must be removed from the surface prior to installation. Any presence of mold or mildew must be treated with a diluted bleach solution to inhibit further fungal growth. Newly plastered or floated walls must be completely dry before application – use of a “moisture detector” to confirm that any residual moisture does not exceed 4-5% is recommended.

\*Please Note: Mylar-laminated wallcovering will accentuate imperfections on the wall; proper surface preparation is key to great results! To prepare the surface properly, we recommend sanding or floating the wall surface and priming with Roman Decorating PRO-977 Ultraprime or Zinsser Gardz. The wallcovering will be easier to hang and easier to remove for future redecorating.

### ADHESIVE APPLICATION – Wet Hang

Use Roman Decorating PRO 880 Ultra Clear Strippable adhesive, PRO-732 Extra Strength Clay adhesive or PRO-774 Clay Strippable for roller pasting or machine use. **APPLY ONLY AT FULL STRENGTH – Whip or Stir DO NOT DILUTE!** Apply a liberal even coat of adhesive over the entire back of the wallcovering by either running strips through a pasting machine or with a 3/8" nap application roller. “Book” material for 10 minutes to ensure optimal adhesive tack, taking care not to crease the wallcovering. For additional adhesive assistance or sourcing call Roman at 708-891-0770.

**TIP:** *Undiluted adhesive with proper booking time will help ensure a successful installation.*

## ADHESIVE APPLICATION – Dry Hang

Use Roman Decorating PRO-732 Extra Strength Clay adhesive for roller pasting. **APPLY ONLY AT FULL STRENGTH** to wall– Whip or Stir **DO NOT DILUTE!** Apply an even liberal coat of adhesive using 3/8” nap application roller to no more than 3 drop sections of the wall. If performing a double cut, push-pin back loose top corner to avoid having the material fall. At the point of double cut you will need to open seam area, reapply a light coat of adhesive in the seam area, (wet Velcro technique), to avoid seaming issues. Lightly work seam back together and follow the remainder of these instructions. For additional adhesive assistance or sourcing call Roman at 708-891-0770.

## INSTALL THE WALLCOVERING

Before installing, **EXAMINE PATTERN FOR COLOR AND REPEAT IN DESIGN.** Some patterns should be lined up, matched and/or alternately reversed depending upon color and texture in order to ensure color uniformity. Hang first strip even with plumb line. Use strips in exact order as they are cut from the roll. Fill in over and around doors and windows as you come to them with strips cut in consecutive order from the roll. **CUT AND INSTALL THREE (3) STRIPS ONLY.** After the first three (3) strips have been installed, inspect all for approval. If satisfactory, proceed with work. If not satisfactory stop work and contact your supplier.

**IT IS MOST IMPORTANT THAT PERMANENT LIGHTING BE IN EXISTENCE PRIOR AND DURING INSTALLATION OF ALL WALLCOVERING. DO NOT INSTALL WITH TEMPORARY or “PIGTAIL” LIGHTING.** Manufacturer accepts no responsibility for hanging of additional material.

## SEAMING

Seaming of Mylar-laminated wallcoverings may be done in one of the following two methods:

The advised method is to overlap strips on the wall and cut through the overlap, taking care not to score the drywall. Overlap the strips about 2 inches and using a protected straight edge and appropriate double cutter, cut down the middle of the double lapped thickness. Use a fresh blade for each double cut. Remove the top and bottom strips and work into a tight seam using a WallWiz, polyethylene, or PVC smoothing blade. The second method is to butt the material. This keeps cleaning to a minimum, which is especially important when working with dark colors. The best butt seams require pretrimming with a protected straight edge on a cutting table.

**As each strip is installed, carefully wash excess adhesive from seams.** Use a sponge dampened with clean, warm water, changed frequently, and dry with a clean soft towel. Adhesive residue will discolor seams or leave a dull vertical area. Adhesive not cleaned promptly from surface of wallcovering will be very difficult to remove.

## CORNERS

Mylar-laminated vinyl wallcovering may wrinkle at inside corners due to the nature of the product. We recommend cutting a seam at inside corners, to eliminate any wrinkles or creasing. For **outside** corners, always carry wallcovering around corners approximately 6” making no corner cut. If a corner cut is unavoidable, do not overlap and cut – butt each strip separately resulting in a tight corner seam. Trim excess material from base moldings, door and window frames with a suitable razor knife and cutting guide.

For columns or outside corners, you may find that you need to apply adhesive to both the wall and the wallcovering; allow both surfaces to “tack-up” and wrap corners, columns, etc.

## Moisture, Mold and Permeability

Mylar-laminated wallcovering can act as a vapor barrier and should **NOT** be installed on walls that are susceptible to excessive condensation or moisture infiltration. This may be more likely to occur in Humid and Fringe Zone 1 climates. The following conditions should be observed:

- The building’s exterior envelope must be weather-tight, and the HVAC system must be operating before and during installation.
- The wall surface to be covered must be completely dry and free of any indications of prior mold/mildew growth before installation.
- Mylar laminated wallcoverings **cannot** be microvented, as this will change the appearance of the wallcovering.

## QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS?

For additional assistance, please call the Len-Tex Quality Assurance Help Line at **800-224-7232**.