

Instruction for use

Depending on the type of washi papers and places to use, the adjustments may be required such as; thickness of the adhesives, open time* and actual pasting processes. Please ensure to take a test papering.

*Open time : the time to penetrating the adhesive into the wallcoverings

1. Preparation and priming

- For the use of plywood and plasterboard wallboards, ensure that the wall surfaces are flat and smooth using the fillers. If the wall is in poor condition, apply the wallpapers primers. For mortared based wall, ensure it is plastered with dampproof agent to avoid discolouration over the paper-coverings caused by the humidity.
- Wallboards which don't absorb water are not recommended; such as resin plywood, anti-curve veneers, metal board. This is because Urushi agent is water resistant and is hard to exit water so wall-boards need to absorb moisture of the surface of wallcoverings to achieve the best finish.

2. Adhesives paste

- Please use non-formalin pastes for wallcoverings.
- This product is slightly harder in material than conventional wallcoverings therefore the adhesive pastes must be thick concentration and apply generous amount. (For further details, please follow the manufacturer's instruction manual.)

3. Fixation

- This product is made by hand so please note that there maybe a slight difference in colours and patters for each sheet. Please align over a wall and adjust the overall balance prior to the actual fixation.
- Ensure that the patterns are matched side by side when joint the two sheets together. The repeat of the patterns is the width of the sheet.
- After applying the adhesive paste onto the sheet, allow enough time (10-15mins) to penetrate the glue into the sheet and adjust the time depending on the location, weather, temperature and humidity.
- Ensure to leave the sheet flat after applying the adhesive paste and do not fold the sheet to reduce the risk of leaving any folding marks over its delicate surface.
- When pasting over a wall surface, always pull and place gently with a brush removing any air bubbles between the wall surface and the wallcoverings. If it is difficult to remove bubbles, push them with plastic scrapers.

- For papering around the internal and external corners, ensure to trim and paste the sheet in exact size. Do not wrap the sheet, as bending sheet could damage the Urushi agent and cause the detachment.
- ※For use of furnitures and fusuma sliding doors,
Please use the plywood as a base. Follow the rest of the instructions as above.
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4. Dealing with the joints

- We recommend to overlap the sheet. (margin of 10mm)
 - For pasting the overlapped areas, mix the paste with synthetic plastic glue specially made for wallcoverings.
 - Use sharp cutter for trimming and cutting, as the Urushi agent over the paper can be hard.
 - After trimming, the similar coloured markers can be used to camouflage the trimming edge where necessary.
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5. Other points to make

- This product uses Urushi lacquer agent which makes the same scent as the conventional lacquer objects. This is because of the urushiol agent. The scent would generally disappear within 1-3months.
 - For people with sensitive skins, there maybe some allergic reactions. Please note that it will not be any harm once the main component of the urushi gets evaporated. However any problem occurred must be consulted by the specialist.
 - Washi papers and Urushi can be discoloured by the ultraviolet rays. Protect from direct sunlight with curtains.
 - Please note that this product is hand made and there maybe slight difference in colours and textures and patters compare to the samples provided. Please also note that all products are produced after taking orders therefore any additional orders may not come with the same result as the original lot orders.
 - If you have any queries and questions concerning our product quality, please contact us before use of the product. Please note that we are unable to take any claims after cutting and fixing our products.
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6. Maintenances

- Do not leave dirt and dust untreated for long time, as washi papers absorb humidity and grease that the dirt may stuck. Gently remove any dirt and dust with a duster or soft dry cloth.
 - Remove any dirt and paste over the surface with a damp cloth and dry it with soft cloth. Do not rub the surface, as it could cause fluffiness.
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