

Helpful Hints and Time Saving Tips

- Stoney Brook paper can be trimmed in place similar to standard wallpaper.
- Cutting paper after pasting is easy and will save time: *smooth pasted paper in place, overlapping the surface to be trimmed around. Use a 6" drywall blade to hold paper firmly against the wall. Use a sharp blade to cut the paper.*
- Cutting around molding: *smooth paper in place, overlapping the portion to be trimmed onto the molding. Use a scissors to snip along the high points of the molding at a 90-degree angle to the wall. Use small putty knives to hold the paper in place while cutting with a sharp razor knife.*
- When using a snap-off blade razor knife, snap the blade before each cut to ensure a clean cut and prevent paper tears.
- Inside corners: *wrap through the corner, press firmly into corner, carefully cut piece approximately 1/8" from corner, then slide one side of paper slightly over the other piece into corner. This prevents the corner from rounding out.*
- For the best results, if a large piece does not cover the entire area desired, simply add a small piece of paper of similar color tone behind the larger piece instead of placing the small piece on top as a patch.
- Order the proper amount of paper to complete the entire job. If extra paper is needed to complete an existing job, there may be a color variation because each order is painted individually.
- DO NOT USE ANY STRAIGHT EDGES ON OPEN WALL SURFACES.
- When working around edges of room use different widths of paper, so as not to create a border effect.
- Only thin as much paste as needed to complete the job. Thinned paste will break down much faster.
- When pasting the paper, be sure to cover the entire piece. Take special care to get paste on all edges to prevent lifting, the edges are the first areas to dry out.
- If pasted paper becomes too dry before installing, simple re-paste lightly.
- Always wipe excess paste from the table.
- Paste the paper on a stack to speed up the pasting process; this eliminates the need to wipe off the table between individual pieces being pasted.
- The paper will wrinkle on the wall if it is not "booked" properly. Usually allow a few minutes depending on the paste's consistency; thinner paste will absorb and book faster, but thinner paste will dry faster.
- Always wipe paste residue from installed paper, trim, etc., the paste will discolor over time.
- For extended open time (wet time) of pasted paper, place booked pieces into a plastic bag or container. You can paste a greater number of pieces at a time and speed up the installation.
- Apply the paper randomly – not directional to avoid a fish scale overlapping appearance.
- Align the points of paper with seams of the installed paper to create a more natural flow.
- If wrinkles are desired, apply as directed, and then move the paper on the surface with your hands to create the desired wrinkle texture. Then crease with a wallpaper brush.
- After applying to a bathroom or kitchen backsplash, use a clear latex caulk around areas susceptible to moisture. This will prevent moisture from seeping behind paper.
- Stoney Brook paper works great over textures. Just use slightly thicker paste to ensure proper adhesion.
- Leave your client with extra paper if future repairs are needed.