

## INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR TYPE II TERRALON<sup>TM</sup> WALLCOVERINGS

### IMPORTANT GUIDELINES FOR CONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS PLEASE STOP & READ BEFORE INSTALLING

**PLEASE NOTE:** Extra care must be taken during installation as Terralon<sup>TM</sup> is more susceptible to creasing than traditional vinyl wallcovering products. All installations must conform to Olee Creative's<sup>TM</sup> current installation instructions and product technical information in order for our warranty protections to apply. If at any time during installation of this material a discrepancy is discovered, **STOP**.

Contact Olee Creative's<sup>TM</sup> Customer Service Department at 800-225-5040 to resolve before proceeding.

- 1. Please follow these instructions carefully.** Olee Creative<sup>TM</sup> shall provide a complete copy of our current Installation Instructions to the installer pertaining to the installation of the wallcovering. If the wallcovering is installed in a manner other than that recommended by Olee Creative<sup>TM</sup>, it is done at the sole risk of the installer and Olee Creative's<sup>TM</sup> warranty protections do not apply. \*\*Use of a permeable mold inhibiting primer product and the use of a permeable adhesive containing a mildew inhibitor is recommended.
- 2.** If no defect is evident before installation, the material should be inspected after three (3) panels are installed. If any defect is evident at this time (or any point of the installation) no further material should be applied and Olee Creative<sup>TM</sup> should be contacted **IMMEDIATELY**. Olee Creative<sup>TM</sup> will replace defective wallcovering in accordance with the terms of our Limited and Exclusive Warranty (See [oleecreative.com](http://oleecreative.com)).  
**If there are any questions on the following instructions, contact Olee Creative's<sup>TM</sup> Customer Service Department at 800-225-5040 before proceeding.**

### SURFACE PREPARATION

**For best hanging results, the drywall surface should be finished to a level 4 prior to installation.**

- A.** All hanging surfaces must be clean, smooth, dry, undamaged, free of mold, mildew, grease or stains, and structurally intact. All loose paint and other wallcoverings should be removed. If moisture is present, immediately identify and eliminate the source(s) of the moisture and verify that all wall surfaces are completely dry before proceeding.
- B.** Any mold or mildew **MUST** be removed from walls and hanging surfaces prior to installation. Walls should not contain in excess of 4% residual moisture content. A moisture meter is recommended to determine moisture content. Moisture infiltration and accumulation can lead to mold or mildew growth and must be corrected **PRIOR** to the installation of the wallcovering. If you are unsure if moisture problems are present, consult a qualified professional before proceeding. This product is intended for use in buildings that are properly designed and maintained to avoid moisture infiltration, condensation and or accumulation at wall cavities and wall surfaces, particularly in warm, humid climates. Walls should also be treated with bleach, Lysol and/or other approved, mildew –inhibiting products in order to inhibit further mildew growth. Olee Creative<sup>TM</sup> will not be responsible for any performance and/or quality issues if moisture problems are not addressed before installation, and/or if the building is not properly maintained to prevent moisture infiltration following installation.
- C.** Proper surface preparation is key to getting great results. To prepare the surface properly, we recommend that you prime all surfaces with a permeable, mold inhibiting wallcovering primer.
- D.** Use only a lead pencil for marking walls and back of wallcovering. Do not use ballpoint or marking pen, as they will bleed through the surface.
- E.** Do not install wallcovering unless a temperature above 65° degrees F is maintained in both areas of installation and storage for at least 4 days before and throughout installation and 4-7 days thereafter.

### ADHESIVE

Terralon<sup>TM</sup> is a highly permeable wallcovering and should be installed with a heavy duty adhesive and primer with mold and mildew inhibitors. Manufacturers such as Roman Decorating and Zinsser offer permeable adhesives and primers with advanced mold and mildew protection. Please check with these manufacturers for their latest products. Roman Eco brand primers and adhesives are recommended for compliance with NSF-342 sustainability.

### ADHESIVE APPLICATION

Do not dilute adhesive. Apply an even coat of paste over entire back of wallcovering. Gently double material together and "book" material for ten minutes. Do not fold or crease booked material.

## SELECTING AND CUTTING WALLCOVERING

**CAUTION: All cuts are to be done with a sharp, new blade every time. A dull blade will result in frayed edges and poor seams!**

- A. Before cutting, each panel should be inspected to make certain size, pattern, color, consistency, and design is satisfactory and as ordered.
- B. Check installation blueprint to determine correct panel order. Allow for trimming at ceilings and baseboards.
- C. Lay out numbered panels before cutting and according to installation blueprint in numeric order and apply to wall in same sequence.

## APPLYING WALLCOVERING TO WALL SURFACE

1. Individual panels are marked with a number, with corresponding numbers indicated on the installation blueprint. We have allowed for 2" of bleed on the top & bottom of each panel (4" total bleed to cover any discrepancies).

2. Apply the recommended adhesive to the back using a paint roller. Work the adhesive in, to cover the back completely, especially near the edges. Mate each end toward the middle, pasted sides together, aligning the edges carefully so they do not dry out.

**CAUTION: Do not crease wallcovering.** Allow to "relax" for ten minutes (booking). This will allow the adhesive to penetrate the wallcovering fabric, which is important to a successful installation.

3. With all directional patterns, **it is important to line up patterns at eye level** allowing any drift in lineup to run off toward ceiling and floor.

The standard allowance is one quarter of an inch up or down. If pattern is lined up at ceiling the pattern will begin misalignment sooner and the gap will be larger. Also most patterns will be viewed at eye level therefore it is that area that needs to look aligned. If there are any questions about the panel lineup, contact Olee Creative<sup>TM</sup>. Be sure first drop of wallcovering is square on the wall by plumbing the wall and using a level.

4. Panels are designed to match up to 60" wide on walls depending on the design. **When installing, exact placement of panels according to the installation blueprint is critical.**

5. Avoid burnishing the face of the material. Use a wallcovering brush or a plastic scraper to smooth the wallcovering onto the wall.

6. Do not rub. Do not allow vinyl adhesive to dry on surface as it may leave a white residue. Wash off excess paste from face of wallcovering as you hang it with a cellulose sponge. The cellulose sponge must be rinsed in clean water after every use. Blot dry with a clean cloth.

8. Overlap the second strip over the edge of the first strip. Tape seams underneath with a low adhesion painter's tape before overlapping and double cutting with a sharp, new blade to avoid getting adhesive on the wallcovering. If paste does get on the vinyl, clean it off immediately with clean warm water and blot dry with a clean lint less towel. Use a soft bristle brush to wash the ceiling and the baseboard to remove any paste residue. Do not leave any overlap on the seams since product will not adhere to itself. \*Seams should be vertical, have a tight fit, and be free from air and paste bubbles. Seams should not be located closer than 6" to corners.

9. After three panels are smoothed to wall surface and excess paste removed, examine the installed panels for color uniformity. Any objectionable variations in color match, pattern match, etc should be immediately communicated to Olee Creative<sup>TM</sup> before proceeding further with installation. **Re-inspect installation after each panel is hung. Any objectionable variations in color, pattern, panel match and/or panel size must be immediately communicated to Olee Creative's<sup>TM</sup> Customer Service Department at 800-225-5040 for resolution. Continuing to hang questionable material constitutes acceptance of product.**

10. After installation, the walls and wallcovering should be monitored for potential moisture or vapor infiltration or accumulation. Any such infiltration/accumulation after installation must be promptly eliminated in order to reduce the risk of mold/mildew growth.