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## **HANDLING AND INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS**

### Mother of Pearl™ Genuine Shell Wall Tiles (MR-MP series)

#### Special Handling Required

- Store the material between 60-85° F in a dry place.
- All tiles should be hung in the same direction. Each tile is marked 'TOP'.
- Prolonged storage is not recommended.

#### General Guidelines

- Inspect goods carefully. No returns on cut goods.
- Confirm that you have the correct color and product before installing.
- **No allowances will be made after three tiles.**  
Call 800.465.6909 immediately if you encounter any difficulties.
- No claims allowed for labor charges or consequential damages under any conditions.
- Wallcoverings can display certain irregularities that are inherent to the manufacturing process.

#### Actions to Avoid

- Do not crease wallcovering.
- Do not rub face of the product with a stiff brush.
- Do not overbook the material
- Avoid direct or bright sunlight. Not guaranteed against fading or color change.

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### WALL PREPARATION

- Paint the walls the color of the product using a good quality flat latex wall paint.

### ADHESIVE

- Use a Vinyl to Vinyl adhesive\*. Apply a generous, even coat of adhesive to the product, being careful at the edges so that adhesive does not get on the front of product.
- Allow to rest 5-7 minutes.
- WIPE OFF EXCESS PASTE IMMEDIATELY WITH A SOFT DAMP CLOTH. DRY WITH A CLEAN SOFT CLOTH.

### TRIMMING

- All tiles should be hung in the same direction. Each tile is marked 'TOP'.
- Trim with a very sharp, single edge razor blade. USE A NEW BLADE FOR EACH CUT.
- Exposed edges should be installed using the factory edge.
- Create a template for tight corners or any surface that is not square.
- Whenever possible trim the product on the table, NOT on the wall.

### TOOLS

- Adhere product to the wall using a bristled nylon brush.
- Smooth product to the wall using a plastic smoother. Smooth continuously to remove any bubbles. Apply light pressure with a seam roller or linoleum roller for additional adhesion.

### SEAMS

- To reduce the appearance of seams we have found that a "Brick" method yields the best results.  
**See diagram at the bottom of this page.**
- If gaps occur at the joints of tiles, use a latex caulk approximately the color of the tiles. Any excess filler/caulk must be removed immediately. The area must then be washed down with soapy water to remove any residue. Please apply either of these products with EXTREME CARE. If not removed immediately, they can damage the surface of the product.
- Slight irregularities on the edges can be remedied by lightly hand sanding the edges with a sanding block and 100 grit or finer sand paper.

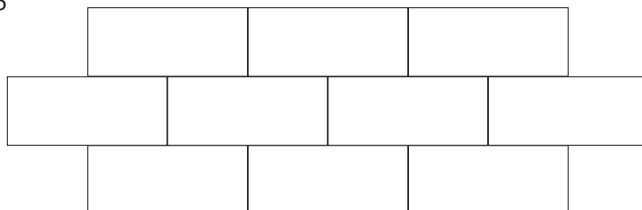
### CLEANING

- Wipe the area using a soft cloth and a very weak solution of a very mild liquid detergent.
- Dry with a soft cloth.

\* We recommend Professional® Pro 555 Vinyl to Vinyl by Roman Decorating Products, 800-488-6117, [www.romandecoratingproducts.com](http://www.romandecoratingproducts.com)

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RECOMMENDED INSTALLATION: BRICK

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### Supplemental Installation Instructions:

#### For columns and corners:

- Inside corners should be cut to size so the tile ends and begins in the corner. For outside corners, score the back side vertically exactly where the tile will wrap the corner. Flaking of the Mother of Pearl shell material might occur. Cut off protruding flakes with a sharp razor blade (DO NOT PEEL) then apply water-based polyurethane to seal it.\* In high traffic areas, a suitably colored caulk may be used to seal the edges, followed by a light application of polyurethane to replace the shine. Be sure to wipe off excess caulk immediately.
- For columns, the circumference should not be smaller than 18 inches, as flaking of the Mother of Pearl shell may occur. Extend the relaxing time by 5 minutes and use Vinyl to Vinyl adhesive, very carefully avoiding getting paste on the surface of the product. Slowly work the tile around the curve. If the surface cracks, follow the repair method previously illustrated.
- If additional adhesion is needed for a curve, prime the wall with Vinyl to Vinyl adhesive in addition to pasting the back of the tile.

#### For high moisture areas and additional protective coatings:

- A thin layer of water-based polyurethane may be applied to the installed wall tiles. This will form a barrier coat and help prevent moisture from penetrating between the tiles.
- \* **Please note:** If you wish to apply an additional protective coating, such as a water-based polyurethane, always perform a test on scrap material before applying to the installed surface. Please consult the polyurethane manufacturer's application guidelines and be cognizant of yellowing. Maya Romanoff is not responsible for unsatisfactory results.
- For a 20% upcharge on your order, Maya Romanoff will apply an additional protective coating.

