



# JAMES HARE

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## **Silk Wallcovering Advice for the Interior Designer**

1. We strongly recommend that you use a professional fabric wallpaper hanger with plenty of experience of hanging silk wallcoverings. We recommend Alan Jarvis + 44 7855 421653, Mark Libbey + 44 7910 645 227 and Tom Mason + 44 7769 315225. For further contact details of experienced decorators, email [sales@james-hare.com](mailto:sales@james-hare.com)
2. It is important that your client is aware that the finished effect will be panelled and not seamless. As silk is a natural fibre there may be irregularities and variations which will be especially visible as the fabric is laid flat, in particular there may be variations in shade and weave which are characteristics of silk fabrics. We recommend the use of cords or trims along the seams, in particular with thick fabrics, to protect and hide seams.
3. Fabrics with visible horizontal lines may become distorted when paper-backed. This is referred to as either frowning or smiling and is a natural occurrence with a paper-backed fabric. This is due to the fabric being put under tension during the paper-backing process. Fabric will not be accepted back if this occurs. We do not recommend paper-backing for fabrics with horizontal stripes.
4. Before hanging, check that you are happy with the colour match of the various rolls. James Hare does not accept liability for alleged defects apparent prior to hanging. Returns will not be accepted.

## **Advice For The Professional Paper Hanger**

1. Wallcoverings are supplied untrimmed unless requested as we recommend that decorators trim on site.
2. Check the wallcovering thoroughly prior to installation.
3. Prepare walls prior to papering, surfaces should be dry, smooth and flat. Do not expect wallpaper to improve an imperfect surface by hiding defects because it is unlikely to do so.
4. All walls should be lined with a heavy grade paper, the colour should be similar to the wall covering in particular where the joins fall.
5. Plan the positioning of each drop in advance to create a balanced panelled effect.
6. Paste the wall with an undiluted ready-mixed PVA wall covering adhesive eg Albany red top, Solvite red top or Bartoline pre mixed heavy duty paste.
7. Gently butt join the seams. Don't overwork them however, ensure there are no gaps.
8. Take care not to put adhesive or water onto the face of the wallcovering. Note that silk is easily marked even with water.



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## **Silk Wallcovering Service Information Sheet**

### **What is the wallcovering service?**

This is a paper-backing service which can be applied to the majority of our fabrics. It is not recommended for horizontal stripe or checked fabrics.

### **Is the wallcovering trimmed?**

No, wallcoverings are untrimmed unless requested as we recommend that decorators trim on site. Should you request trimming there is a 10 cms loss to the width of the fabric and we do not accept responsibility for damaged edges under any circumstance. The price for trimmed and non-trimmed wallcoverings is the same.

### **Is stock held of silk wallcoverings?**

No this is a service so the wallcovering is made to order.

### **Are samples available?**

Samples of the fabrics are available but these will not be paper-backed.