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Application Guide DecoSilky, DecoFresco

1° Substrate preparation

- ❖ The substrate must be dry, clean and without any remains or residue from previous wallpaper layers.
- ❖ If a previous layer of wet glue wallpaper has to be removed, please follow instructions from the wallpaper or wet glue manufacturer.
- ❖ If necessary, sand down or cut out all irregularities with a utility knife and then brush down or wipe over with a clean towel to remove dust or particles on the wall; that might be visible in the freshly applied self-adhesive wallpaper after application.
- ❖ A final wipe down with warm water using a soft towel.
- ❖ Allow the surface to dry before applying the graphics.

2° Application of DecoSilky, DecoFresco

- ❖ Before starting the job unroll all the strips and put them in the right order to make sure the tiled image is complete. It is recommended to number the strips on the backing to avoid errors that might require a reprint!
- ❖ **The tiled image must be printed in such a way to provide an overlap of minimum 10mm on each side of the strip.**



- ❖ On the first strip it is vital that the graphic is hung as vertically as possible as the rest of the job will depend from it. Use a spirit level or plumb line to correctly position the graphic, and then use small strips of self-adhesive paper tape to hold the graphic in position.
- ❖ Starting from the top, remove the backing on about 50 cm over the total width of the material.
- ❖ Press down using a felt squeegee moving your hand from left to right over the printed material. Don't use a plastic squeegee or any other sharp or blunt object to fix the graphic since this may damage the print.

- ❖ Depending on the substrate, re-positioning of the self-adhesive graphic can be possible, allowing corrections to be made in the application of the tiled image.
- ❖ Carefully work your way down removing the backing in strips of 50 to 75 cm and pushing from the middle to the outer edges.
- ❖ Be careful not to make any wrinkles.
- ❖ Firmly press down the seams by using a heat gun and rubber roller to obtain a perfect result.



- ❖ Trim the extra material from the bottom of the strip using a pair of scissors.
- ❖ Ventilate the room or shop overnight to make sure remaining odour from the print has disappeared.

3° Printing Tips for DecoSilky and DecoFresco

- ❖ DecoSilky and DecoFresco are designed for Inkjet printing using eco-solvent, mild-solvent, Latex or UV Inkjet inks.
- ❖ Use the proper ICC profile for your print engine/ ink / material / RIP software as can be found on the MACTac website – free of charge. Please surf to the download ICC profiles page on www.mactac.eu
- ❖ Always print your tiled image in one drop to avoid colour differences between the self-adhesive strips that may spoil the end result of the job once the application is completed.
- ❖ Don't forget to print the tiled image with an additional 10mm to provide for the overlap that needs to be cut out at the end to obtain clean seams.
- ❖ For further details on Deco-Silky P please download the Technical data Sheet from our website.