

# BRENTANO™

## HIKARU V103 Installation Instructions

**DO NOT CUT OR INSTALL UNTIL YOU HAVE COMPLETELY READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS.  
CONTACT BRENTANO CUSTOMER SERVICE FOR ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS.**

### Prior to Installation

- Check your order and packing list to ensure that you have received the correct pattern, color, quantity, and lot number. Inspect the material for any defects prior to installation. Claims will not be considered on cut or installed material after three (3) panels have been hung.
- Vinyl wallcoverings should be installed under permanent light conditions. The temperature in the receiving area and installation site must be between 60°-80° F and relative humidity at 50% or less. These conditions should be maintained at least six (6) days prior to and after installation.

### Wall Preparation

- All walls to be receiving the vinyl wallcovering should be smooth, clean, dry and structurally sound. Ensure that the wall's residual moisture content does not exceed 4% by using a reliable moisture meter. Do not proceed with installation if the walls show any signs of mold, mildew, moisture damage, or exceeds the recommended moisture content level.
- Wall surfaces should be primed with an acrylic or latex primer specifically designed for vinyl wallcovering to promote good adhesion. For surfaces to receive a micro-vented vinyl wallcovering, be sure to use a breathable primer.
- Take extra care that existing walls are properly prepped. Glossy surfaces should be sanded with a medium grit sandpaper. Repair any irregularities. For existing paint, take a wet sponge and hold it against the paint surface for 15-20 seconds. If the color transfers onto the sponge, the paint will need to be stripped prior to priming and hanging the new wallcovering.
- **DO NOT HANG OVER EXISTING WALLCOVERING.** Existing wallcovering should be stripped and old adhesive should be removed with an appropriate adhesive remover. Rinse the wall and allow to dry completely prior to priming.
- Surfaces other than drywall or plaster may require special instructions for installation. Contact your local Brentano rep or Brentano customer service for recommendations prior to beginning installation.

### Application

- **The pattern for Hikaru can be straight or randomly matched according to the client's preference. Hikaru is designed to be hung straight from panel to panel and should not be reversed.**
- Carefully inspect the wallcovering after 3 strips have been hung. If the pattern is not acceptable, rehang the second strip reversing. At this point, obtain approval before proceeding. Brentano is not responsible for any claims after three (3) panels have been hung.
- Seams may be table trimmed or overlapped and double-cut. Be sure not to cut too deeply into the wall substrate. A double-cutting blade or a polycarbonate seam cutting shield can be used to prevent substrate penetration.
- Apply a heavy duty, mildew resistant, clay-based adhesive to the back of the wallcovering using a short-napped roller and/or a soft bristle brush. A pasting machine can be used at the installer's discretion. Follow the adhesive manufacturer's instructions on coverage and set time. Micro-vented wallcovering should be dry hung by applying the adhesive to the wall surface.
- Apply the wallcovering in roll number sequence as it comes off the bolt for best results, especially above and below doors and windows. The vinyl wallcovering should be installed using a stiff, short-bristled brush or flexible broadknife. Vertical joints should not occur less than 6 inches from inside or outside corners. A heat gun may be used to allow the vinyl to conform to irregular corners.
- Remove excess adhesive and dirt from the wallcovering surface and seams immediately after hanging by using a damp sponge or cloth frequently rinsed with clean, warm water. Be sure not to use too much water when cleaning areas around seams, as it may seep into the seam and dilute the adhesive. Cleaning should occur immediately to prevent paste staining.