know your **wallpaper**

Wallpapers are typically sold as single rolls that are 50cm wide and approx 10m long. Some may be wider or narrower, longer or shorter.

Types: Many wallpapers are now 'paste-the-wall' types, which means exactly that. You paste the wall, then apply the paper. Only papers with a non-woven substrate are suitable for this. If in doubt, check with your Resene ColorShop staff. This type of paper also dry-strips easily from the wall.

Pre-pasted papers come with a water-activated adhesive backing. You need to soak the paper to relax the adhesive, before hanging.

Print matching: The designs on some wallpapers need to be matched from strip to strip, ie lined up so that the wall has an even effect. There are three types: straight,

International wallpaper symbols:

No match

Straight match

Half drop match

$\frac{50}{25}$ cm Distance between repeat
Distance offset

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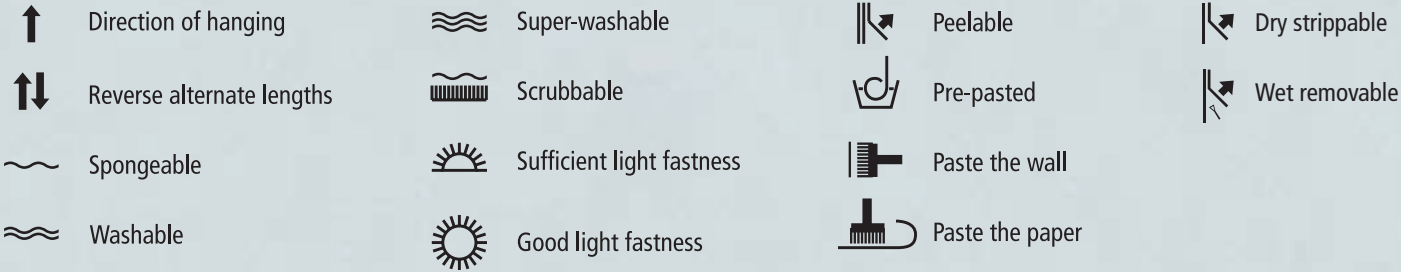
random and drop. Straight-match papers run the width of the paper and across the seam onto the next strip. Random-match papers continue seamlessly no matter what. Drop-match papers require extra planning and must be aligned horizontally and vertically on either side, as the pattern is slightly offset from strip to strip.

Drop-match papers will come with a 'pattern repeat' expressed in the the number of centimetres a pattern stretches vertically until it repeats itself. The lower the repeat, the lower the waste. Solids and textures, for example, have no repeat and little waste because the amount you'll need is easy to calculate.

How much will you need: Calculating how much wallpaper you need can be tricky when you take into account the windows and doors in the room. Exact roll measurements also vary by manufacturer, but most cover five square metres. Ask your Resene ColorShop staff to help, or use the calculator on page 35.

Upkeep: Wallpapers are durable and maintainence is easy. Scrubbable papers can be cleaned with a sponge and detergent. Washable papers can be gently cleaned or wiped with a damp cloth.

Removal: Unlike years gone by where soaking then chipping away at an old wallpaper with a broadknife was the only way to get it off, today's wallpapers are easy to remove. They come in strippable and peelable types. The former can be removed without water or chemicals and leave no backing. The latter peels off the wall and may leave some adhesive residue behind, which can be removed with detergent and water.