

# Guidance on caring for all de Gournay wallpapers



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## **Standard Care & Maintenance**

de Gournay wallpapers are made of traditional, stable and in most cases natural materials that will give many decades of service when correctly cared for. In order to do so they must be installed according to the de Gournay Hanging Instructions and protected from sources of damp, excessive humidity and all extremes of temperature. Keep them away from direct sunlight because this will fade them over time. Do not attempt to clean wallpaper and be careful when cleaning woodwork in rooms not to allow bleaches or other cleaning products to touch the wallpaper.

All de Gournay wallpapers can be dusted with a feather duster and vacuum cleaned gently with a soft clean vacuum brush attachment to remove dust. This is especially effective with woven fabric papers. Where the product has a discernable weave vacuum in the direction of the weave only.

## **Wallpapers with additional finishes for added durability**

### **Standard Protective Glazing**

Wallpapers that have been treated with a standard level of protective glaze may be wiped gently with a damp cloth to remove fresh liquid spills. Do not rub the surface which although considerably more durable than those without any protection is still not colourfast once wetted.

### **Custom Protective Glazing**

Custom glazed wallpapers will offer different levels of protection from standard discussed above all the way up to fully waterproof according to the original order instructions given to de Gournay. Panels with this finish may well be fully washable but we recommend you test a small area to determine this before attempting to wash visible areas. When washing always use the minimum amount of clean tepid water necessary, never let drips run down the wall and never expose the seams to water or it may get behind the panels to discolour and/or lift them.

### **Protective Finishes For Paper-backed Fabrics**

de Gournay's paper-backed fabric wallpapers, Slub Silk Wallpaper & Damask Wallpaper are available with our own factory applied protective layer which

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renders them water repellent and wet stain resistant. Where this finish has been applied no cleaning should be necessary because liquid spills will run off the surface but care needs to be taken when blotting them not to force the liquid between the fibres of the weave inadvertently. Where liquid has got between the weave on a treated fabric it is generally preferable to leave these last droplets to dry and vacuum off the dry residue later.

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This finish does not prevent dirt from being ground into the fibres of the fabric and does not protect from other forms of damage.

Care should be taken when wiping treated panels to do so in the direction of the weave and not to change the texture of the fabric surface through over vigorous rubbing.