



March 2008

Well we are right into 2008! Don't the weeks just fly by?!

We hope you all had a safe Christmas and New Year period and that you had some nice family time as we all did.

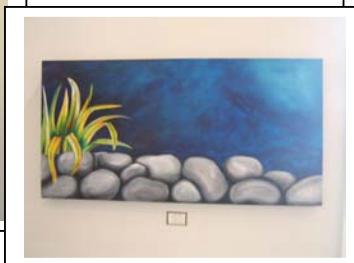
We are busy doing Free Measure & Quotes to supply, make and install Drapes, Tracks, Romans, Austrians and all types of Hard Blinds; Venetian, Roller and Sunscreen so contact us if you are thinking of doing anything and we would love to supply a Free Quote for you to consider.

NEW ARTIST

We have some awesome new art work in the studio by Manawatu Artist of landscapes and colourful abstracts Lanie Wrigley. We are very excited to have some of Lanie's pieces in our studio at present, they are well worth a look so make sure you pop in to view them. Lanie also does non-obligation commissions so if there's something special you have been looking for but haven't quite found it give us a call and we can organise this for you. (You can view other work of Lanie's through our website link) Lanie's work is very affordable.



\$325.00



\$285.00



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\$415.00



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POP IN AND HAVE A LOOK IN THE STUDIO

WALLPAPER SHRINKAGE PROBLEMS

Shrinkage can be a common problem with wall coverings generally, if steps are not taken to minimize the risk of joints opening up as the paper dries out. Highly coloured wallpapers tend to look the worst when shrinkage occurs.

It is not uncommon, even for professionals, to use a coloured crayon to 'fill in' the white line effect if shrinkage does occur after drying depending on how severe the problem is.

When you have pasted wallpaper and allowed it to fully soak out it is wider across the width than an un-pasted dry piece. This expansion is due to the paper fibres swelling after absorbing moisture from the adhesive.

Due to its simplistic, natural characteristics, wallpaper basically only does two things; it expands when it's wet and contracts as it dries. Basically, shrink back occurs if the strength of the paper's contraction is greater than the strength of the adhesive.

At some point, as the adhesive grows in strength the contraction rate recedes, the strength of the adhesion becomes greater than the strength of the contraction and the wallpaper stops shrinking.

The main causes of shrink back are normally:

- a) Insufficient surface preparation
- b) Inappropriate adhesive
- c) Heat

In all cases one of the above, or a combination will be directly responsible for the opening up the joints.

Low Risk of Shrink-back Example:

Light ready mixed adhesive used. Paper hung on a fully dried cross lined wall. Heaters turned off for drying period (2-3 days for paper and 4-6 days for vinyl)

Although the wallpaper is bonded to the wall, it will remain under tension for some considerable time.

As such, it is not unusual to see the opening in joints often weeks, if not months after hanging. Although in most cases it tends to happen quite soon after the drying period.

Please always follow the hanging instructions on the wallpaper or seek a professionals advice if in doubt.

Quality Custom Made Sofa

This Designers Collection Sofa is a very high quality piece of furniture - unfortunately it is taking up precious space in our studio so.....

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KITCHEN DESIGN

This is one of the single most expensive items in you house and something that is generally going to be there for a very long time. In fact in Europe you would take it with you when you shifted as has happened to friend of mine who has found no kitchen in his new flat in Frankfurt!

So getting the design of it right is most important. We are very experienced at this and do all our designs on a 3D Computer Assisted Design Programme, enabling you to see the finished kitchen before it is made. We are then able to get quotes on your behalf or you can do this yourself using our designs and plans.

Using your space to it's fullest and creating an individual unique design that suits you, your family and your house is what we do best.

We advise on the best materials and accessories for your new kitchen too and can even project manage the entire project right through.

Talk to us today for a free estimation on the kitchen of your dreams.

