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ALTRAFORM INSTRUCTIONS

PREPARATION: Heat water to 140-160 degrees F in a pan large enough to work Altra Form pieces. Material can be folded over if large pan is not available. Heated Altraform softens in hot water (140-160 degrees F) in approximately 30-60 seconds.

REMOVE AND FORM: Can be formed over any hard object (i.e., glass, most plastics, clays -if soft type, cover with aluminum foil), mannequin heads, metal objects, plaster (coated with sealer), etc.

MOLD: You have approximately 2-3 minutes of working time (depending on ambient temperature) before it starts to set. During that time the Altraform may be stretched (on the bias), pleated, folded, tucked, ruffled or notched to achieve maximum contouring. Work steadily, pressing firmly, rather than rapidly. If Altraform cools too fast, or you wish to remold a specific area, re-submerge object and fabric in hot water. If this is not possible, pour hot water over object and Altraform. Repeat this as often as necessary until shape is formed. Altraform becomes rigid in 10 minutes. To set it faster, you can immerse or spray it with cold water or cool spray aerosol.

FOR FREE FORMING ALTRAFORM: Heated fabric can be stretched, pleated, ruffled, etc. by hand. You can stretch it and staple it, tie it, drape it. Smocked effect can be accomplished by squeezing it together. To get Altraform to stick to itself, just squeeze together firmly while hot. Both surfaces have to be hot in order to stick.

ALTERNATE METHOD OF WORKING WITH ALTRAFORM: Use an industrial heat gun or heat lamps. Good for working small areas at a time. Note: Altraform gets sticky with use in dry heat, To prevent this occurrence, wet fabric in warm water while working.

PAINTING AND COVERING: Altraform can be painted with any type of paint such as acrylics, lacquers, latex, scenic paints, etc., and covered with all types of adhesives and coatings such as hot and spray glues, epoxies, wheat paste, gesso, modeling paste, resin coatings, putty, plasters, etc.