

Wallpaper Application Instructions

Before you start...

Newly painted walls need 4 weeks to outgas before application.

Avoid rubbing the product or exposing to solvents or water.

Please keep the white backing paper if you intend to move your wallpaper, or move home!

EQUIPMENT

You'll need a step ladder, a sharp Stanley knife (snap for a new blade) and possibly a second pair of hands. Make sure your walls are clean and dust free, and wipe the skirting boards too. Remove any picture hooks, tacks or blue tack, and any switch plates. Make sure your hands are clean.

GETTING STARTED

Notice on the back corner of the panels the numbering - you'll be putting up panel #1 on the left then applying them to the right. (For left-handers just start at the highest number and work from right to left.) Lay the first panel design-down on a clean, flat surface. Peel the top edge back 30cm or so, and then fold the backing paper back so it stays out of the way.

REMOVE THE BACKING

Now you're going to temporarily stick the panel to the wall so you can remove the backing paper safely. Stick it to the wall under the cornice (don't worry about placement yet) and stick it to the wall. Start pulling the backing paper down from behind (evenly across to avoid buckling), and stick the wallpaper to the wall as you go - just enough to keep it stuck. Prevent the sticky sides of the wallpaper from sticking together.

STICK

Once the backing paper is removed from the top of the panel you can place it properly. Placing the first panel is the trickiest so take your time. From the step ladder, pull the entire sheet back off the wall to line it up under the cornice. Then let the panel fall naturally. If the side of the wall is not covered all the way to the corner, allow an extra centimetre across the corner - this can be trimmed off at the end. Pull it off again if you're not happy, and reapply. Once you are happy with how it is placed, smooth it from the top in a down-and-out motion to "sweep" out any air pockets.

DEALING WITH WRINKLES & BUBBLES

Large bubbles should just smooth out but if they get trapped or you get a crease, just peel back the panel to release them rather than rubbing the print.

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MATCHING THE DESIGN

For the next panel you need to repeat the above to get it safely on the wall and off the backing paper. For the best result, apply the panel temporarily 10cm below the first panel. Now step down and, at eye level, match up the design and butt the panels into each other (no overlapping is required). Line up the design up and down the join and stick it to the wall but only enough to hold the panel flat to the wall - you can smooth it completely to the wall once the entire join is matched.

TRIMMING

Only once all the panels are adhered and aligned can you trim off the excess wallpaper. Run your sharp Stanley knife blade along the sides and bottom. Carefully trim around power points then replace the plates.

MOVING THE PANELS

If you want to move the wallpaper to a different wall, you need to apply it to the backing paper while vertical to avoid debris getting on the sticky side. Stick a panel of the backing paper on the wall next to the panel you want to remove - stick at the top and bottom with masking tape or similar. Peel the panel of wallpaper off the wall and move it across and stick it onto the backing paper, getting it lined up as best as possible. It will help to have a second pair of hands to guide the bottom of the panel. Once stuck, roll up the panel and protect any exposed edges - wrap in bubble wrap.



Don't forget to take a styled photo of your wall to enter our Room of the Month Competition! Entry details via email soon.

