

Preparing Your Wall

Prior to installing your wallpaper, careful wall preparation must be done – it's key to getting great results! Proper preparation will make installation easier and ensure your wallpaper has a long and healthy life. It will also make removal easier, in the event that you choose to switch up your wallpaper in the future.

Wall Preparation Check-List



Remove old wall covering



Remove any loose, chipped or flaking paint



Patch any defects in the wall surface and sand to a smooth, flat finish



Remove picture hooks, light fixtures, and switch & outlet covers



Clean wall with a warm, mild detergent to remove contaminants such as dust, dirt & oil

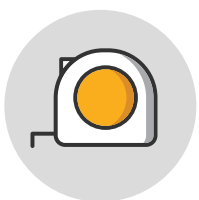
Important Notes

- Never install your wallpaper over existing wallpaper or on raw drywall.
- Your wall must be finished with primer/paint in order to ensure proper adhesion.
- Surfaces painted with a gloss/high sheen finish should be sanded to dull the surface, and dust removed prior to install.
- Any areas that have been patched and repaired should be finished with a coat of primer/paint.
- For freshly painted walls, allow 2 to 3 weeks of drying time to ensure the paint is thoroughly cured and off-gassed before installing your wallpaper. Or you can use a quick curing primer such as Kilz® which will only require waiting a minimum of 4 days.

Installing Your Wallpaper

With the help of a friend (or two), you'll be standing back and admiring your new custom wallpaper in no time!

What You'll Need



Measuring Tape



Pencil & Level



Exacto Knife



Squeegee
(Supplied)



Ladder

Hanging Your Wallpaper Panels

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Your wallpaper has been rolled with each panel numbered sequentially, from left to right. Since the panels overlap by $\frac{1}{2}$ ", you can hang your wallpaper left to right, or right to left, for optimal visual effect. For example, as you walk into the room, if you install the wallpaper on the left wall, you should hang the panels from right to left. For the right wall, you should hang from left to right. The seams will be less visible that way as you enter the room.

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Unroll the panels on the floor, and roll them back up individually, with the printed side facing out. Measure the centre of your wall, and lay the individual rolled panels on the floor, along the wall. This step is especially important if your wallpaper has a focal point in its centre. There will be excess material on either end of the wall, which you will trim off later.

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Starting at the edge of the wall, use your level and a pencil to draw a straight vertical line a panel's width down the entire wall, minus the amount to be trimmed in from the edge of the wall. Since wall corners are often not perfectly square, this overlap will help account for any variations in your wall. The excess wallpaper will be trimmed off once it's fully installed. The vertical line you draw with the help of your level will act as a guideline to which to align your first panel, ensuring it is applied straight the whole way down.

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Peel back about 18" off the backing off the top portion of your first panel and smooth onto your wall, with your helper ensuring that the edge of your panel is aligned to the vertical guideline you drew earlier. Make sure to leave approximately 2.5" of overage along the ceiling line. This excess material will also be trimmed off later.

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Use your squeegee to carefully smooth out bubbles and creases, working from the upper-middle of the panel outward. With your friend's help, check often to ensure the edge is aligned with the vertical guideline. Readjust the panel if needed. Continue to smooth out bubbles and creases as your friend slowly peels off the backing, going down the wall. Once your first panel is perfectly in place, you can rest assured that the rest of them will align to it perfectly!

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Repeat steps 4 through 6 for all remaining panels. The panels are designed to overlap by $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Align each panel by matching up the image to the previously installed panel, working your way from top to bottom. If you're having difficulty aligning the image, gently remove the panel, reposition and try again. Once the image is aligned, you can smooth out the panel with your squeegee. **TIP:** Before removing the backing, dry fit each panel to ensure you know how it should align to the previous panel.

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Once you have installed the entire wallpaper, use the squeegee as a straight edge, and trim off any excess material using an exacto knife, snapping off a fresh blade approximately every 8'. This will ensure a nice, clean edge. It is recommended to change the blade frequently to avoid tearing the wallpaper. When trimming, make long evenly pressured cuts without lifting the blade. If you're not comfortable trimming your wallpaper free-hand, a straight edge such as a level, the felt squeegee, or large ruler can be used as a guide. **IMPORTANT:** Before you trim around any electrical outlets or switches, ensure the power to them has been turned off via your breaker box. Better safe than sorry!