

Installing Wallpaper

Tips for Success:

The success of hanging your wallpaper, as well as the ease of taking it down are totally dependant on how well you prepare your walls!

SMOOTH. Make sure you fill all cracks and holes using spackle. Sand until you have a smooth surface with a medium grit sandpaper.

CLEAN. Wash and rinse walls to remove grease and dirt. The surface must be clean and free of mildew, grease and stains.

PRIME. For best results, prime all wall surfaces with a high quality primer-sealer before installing wallcovering. Priming properly is key to easy removal later.

1. Turn off power to switches and outlets.
2. Draw a vertical guideline (plumb line). Put this approximately 19" away from the corner.
3. Follow label instructions for soaking the rolled strips.
4. Slowly draw out the soaked strip.
5. "Book" the strip by folding the ends towards the center; paste side to paste side.
6. Apply the first strip with its edge against your vertical guideline (plumb line).
7. Smooth each strip with a smoother or sponge.
8. Apply remaining strips in the same manner.
9. Clean as you go with sponge and clean water.
10. Paper over doors and windows; cut excess with scissors.
11. Cut diagonally through the waste portion towards the corner of the door or window.
12. Trim the excess with guide and knife.
13. Trim excess at top and bottom with metal edge and knife.
14. Make sure that power to switches and outlets is off. Paper over them, then cut paper clear of wires and fixture box.
15. Start by making a small slit in the paper at the center of the outlet. Cut diagonally towards the corners, then carefully trim around the outlet so that when you replace the cover plate, no cut edges will be visible.