

Wallpaper Installation Instructions

Paste the Wall Silk and Matte

PREPARATION

1. Ensure the wall is smooth and clean

Start by carefully removing the old wallpaper including any stuck remnants or paint that's left behind. Clean the wall using a warm, damp cloth or sponge then leave it to dry completely. Also make sure that all previous cleaning solutions are completely gone.

Sand down rough areas and apply filler as required to ensure a smooth texture. Add a coating layer of primer/ mist before papering if the wall is porous or has bright colours that might be visible through the wallpaper. Examples of porous walls include walls with old wallpaper, skimmed walls, and particle boards, to name a few.

2. Get the wallpaper paste ready

Buy ready-mixed wallpaper paste. Only use a paste for non-woven wallpaper or one for woven wallpaper with <20% dry content. If you're making the paste, follow the instructions provided on the paste powder pack. Once mixed, the paste should have a thick consistency to ensure the new wallpaper affixes to the wall properly.

RECOMMENDED TOOLS

- Bucket
- Roller & Tray
- Brush
- Spirit level
- Ruler
- Sponge / Cloth
- Pencil
- Sharp utility knife and extra blades
- Seam roller
- Wallpaper brush
- Trim guide

HANGING

1. Check the wallpaper panels

The wallpaper is supplied in panels. Carefully unpack the panels and lay them out in order. Ensure that all the panels are included with no damage or defects. The panels have clear numbering in the order you should hang them. You'll hang from left to right, ensuring the panels are edge to edge.

2. Align the wallpaper panels correctly (straight)

It's very important to ensure that you hang the first wallpaper panel straight. Depending on the size of your wallpaper, it may be helpful to have two people install it. Use a spirit level, measuring tool, and pencil to add faint vertical markings one panel width (67.5 cm) in from the left corner. This will help to ensure your first panel is perfectly straight.

3. Directly apply the wallpaper paste onto the wall

Use a roller or a brush to apply the wallpaper paste directly onto the wall. Be sure to cover the whole area as evenly as possible, without missing any spots. Unpasted spots will create a visible blister on the wall mural when you finish hanging.

You can check to see if you've added enough wallpaper paste by applying an even layer of adhesive with a roller and then using your finger to draw on the wall. If you can draw a pattern in the adhesive using your finger then it's enough. Only apply the paste approximately one panel width in advance.

4. Hang the panels edge to edge from left to right

Start from the top left and work from a straight plumb line. Apply the top of the panel to the wall, ensuring that the right-hand edge aligns with your vertical line. Apply the next and subsequent panels, ensuring that the patterns or images match up. Take care to ensure the appropriate amount of bleed runs over the top and bottom edges. Our panels are applied 'edge to edge', so each panel butts up to the next on the wall. There is no overlap on the panels. Avoid getting wallpaper paste on the mural as it'll become visible after drying.

Note: Take care to avoid complete folds as it can create cracks in the print.

5. Smoothen the panels

Starting from the middle and working towards the edges, use a wallpaper brush or your hands to smooth out the wallpaper. If there are any bubbles or wrinkles, you can lightly press or smooth them out, or carefully peel back that area and re-apply. If any wallpaper paste ends up on the front of the mural, use a damp cloth or sponge to remove the spots, but avoid scrubbing.

Note: Pressing too hard during smoothing won't damage the wallpaper; however, it may cause your hands to gather ink, and could transfer from your hands onto another surface.

6. Trim off any excess paper

Upon hanging all the wallpaper panels, trim off any excess paper using a trim guide and sharp knife.

7. Wait 24 hours for the final result

Leave the wallpaper to dry for 24 hours, then enjoy your 'new' space.