# Wallpaper Installation Instructions
*Pre-Pasted Water Activated*

## 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.

### RECOMMENDED TOOLS

· Roller & Tray
· Spray bottle
· 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. Activate the prepasted adhesive**

Activate the prepared adhesive on the wallpaper with water. Apply enough across the wallpaper to create a sticky consistency and ensure it affixes to the wall properly. Here are two good ways to activate the adhesive:

1. Thoroughly wet the back of the wallpaper using a clean paint roller or sponge.
2. Thoroughly wet the back of the wallpaper using a high output spray bottle. Take care to keep all sprays consistent to ensure there's a good amount of water for the entire length of the panel.

*Note: Ensure you have good overhead lighting and a flat surface. Since any dry spots will appear dull in the light, this setup helps you ensure the entire length of paper is saturated.*



Once the wallpaper panel is thoroughly wet, gently fold the top and bottom pasted sides together so that they "almost" meet in the middle, as shown below. This ensures the edges do not dry out.

*Note: Take care not to crease the paper. It is important to allow each panel to rest for at least 3-5 minutes before you start hanging the panel.*

Once the first panel of wallpaper has rested for 3-5 minutes, pick it up and unfold just the top half of the paper, leaving the bottom half still folded. See below:



**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. Once the wallpaper is in position, unfold the bottom half of the strip to affix to the wall. 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.

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

**5. Smoothen the panelst**

Smoothen the wallpaper downwards with a damp sponge, a wallpaper smoothing tool, or your hands. Take care to remove air bubbles as you go.

*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.