

How to Hang Wallpaper

CHECK ALL WALLPAPER ROLLS HAVE THE SAME BATCH NUMBER BEFORE UNWRAPPING.

WHAT YOU NEED

1. A pasting table: you can hire one, borrow one; or make do with the kitchen table, but cover it first.
2. Wallpaper paste.
3. A pasting brush.

APPLYING THE PASTE

1. Check that all wallpaper rolls have the same batch number (see the sticker on the front of this label).
2. Place the cut lengths face down on the table. Make sure they are all laid out in the same direction — all tops together, all bottom edges together.
3. Paste the back of the paper with the wallpaper paste, applying it evenly in a zig-zag pattern, pasting from the centre out. Make sure the edges are well-coated, and the paste is evenly applied over the full length of the paper.
4. Fold the ends towards the centre, with a smaller fold to the bottom and a larger fold at the top. This will easily identify the hanging direction to the paper. Make sure the folds don't crease.
5. Rest each length for 10 to 15 minutes.

HANGING THE WALLPAPER

1. Step up the ladder to the ceiling with your pasted wallpaper and unfold the top portion.
2. Mark the centre of the wall with a pencil and position the paper to correspond with the pencil marks.
3. Press the paper against the wall, leaving 5cm for trimming along the ceiling line.
4. Line the paper against your plumb line.
5. Moving down and out from the centre, stroke the paper against the wall, using a brush or smoother to position it.
6. Unfold the bottom of the strip and press it against the wall, again checking it against the plumb line.
7. When you are satisfied with its position, smooth it over fully, removing any air bubbles. Then, use your knife to cut any extra paper at the ceiling and floor.
8. Remove any extra paste by sponging it off with clean water.
9. Move on to the next strips. Slide the paper into position on the wall so the pattern matches and the joins are butted together.
10. Use a smoothing brush to link up the seams.
11. Follow this process for the rest of the lengths. Prepare in advance for corners and tricky areas like power points. Clean off any paste on the skirting, cornice or ceiling as you go.