

Pre-Pasted Wallpaper

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

Before You Start

This product is suitable for DIY application by two people although installation by a professional decorator will likely give a better result. Read through these instructions thoroughly before starting, contact us if you are unsure about anything.

DIY installation of wallpaper products is 'at your own risk' and the results can vary depending on personal skill level. If you are lacking confidence or inexperienced with applying wallpaper, please consider if DIY installation is the best option for you or seek professional installation. 41 Orchard do not offer replacement or refund products due to unsuccessful installation.

Recommended Tools:

- Pencil
- Tape measure
- Spirit level or plum line
- Drop sheet
- Water spray bottle
- Wallpaper trough (Optional)
- Application tool or wallpaper brush
- Step ladders
- Sponge + clean water
- Sharp utility knife
- Straight edge
- Seam roller



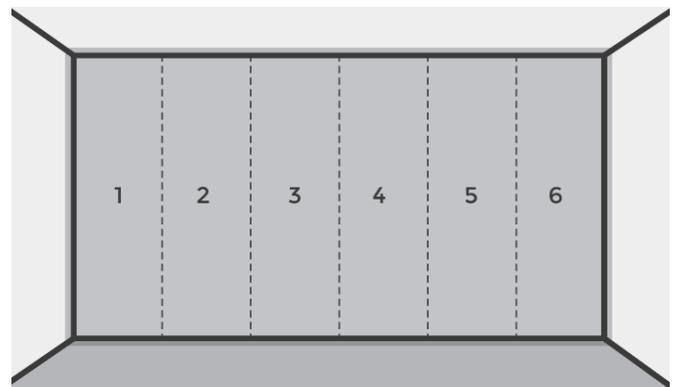
1. Wall Preparation

Clear your wall area and move out any large furniture so you have an open area to work in. Your wall needs to be suitable and in good condition.

Remove any switch plate covers or picture hooks and ensure the surface is smooth, you may need to fill and sand any imperfections. Clean by using a damp cloth or sponge to wipe and remove any dust and allow it to completely dry.

In most cases a simple clean will do the trick but if your surface has flaky or cracking paint or if it is painted with a teflon based paint designed to repel adhesion, then you will need to paint your wall with a primer first.

Wait around 30 days to allow freshly painted walls to fully cure. The wall should be painted in a uniform colour to avoid patches showing through the wallpaper.



2. Marking The First Sheet

Place all your sheets flat on the floor and allow them time to uncurl from the tube.

Our wallpaper drops are hung from left to right and numbered in hanging order starting with sheet #1 in the left corner. It's important to get this first sheet positioned correctly. Sheet #1 has an extra 3cm overhang at the top and bottom and also on the left side which will be trimmed off later and allows for your wall being out of square.

Measure and make a mark 62cm in from the left edge of the wall, use a spirit level or plum line to mark a perfectly vertical line down your wall from the initial mark. This line is where you will place the right edge of sheet #1.

3. Hanging The First Sheet

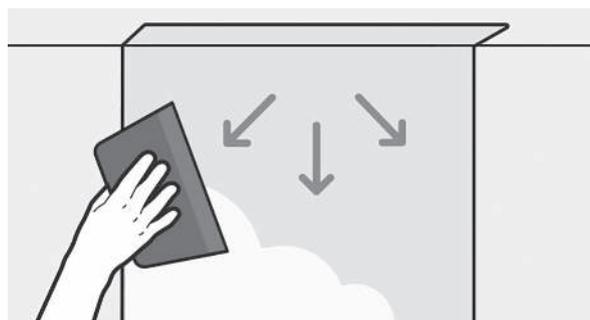
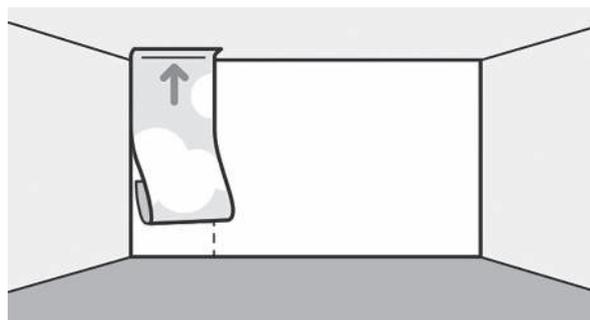
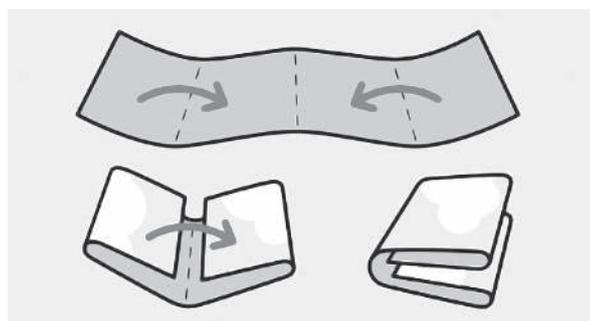
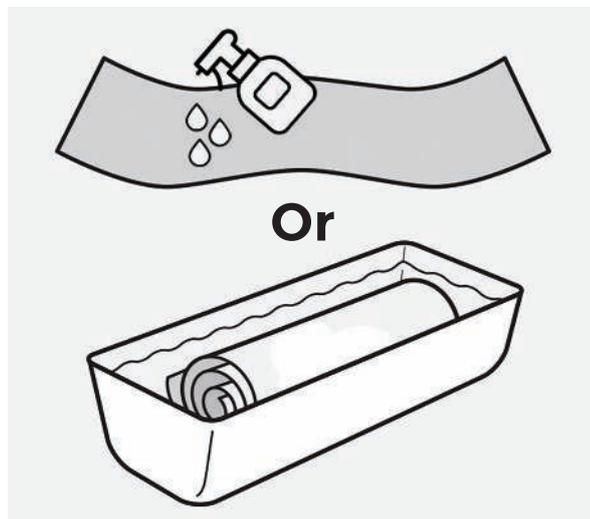
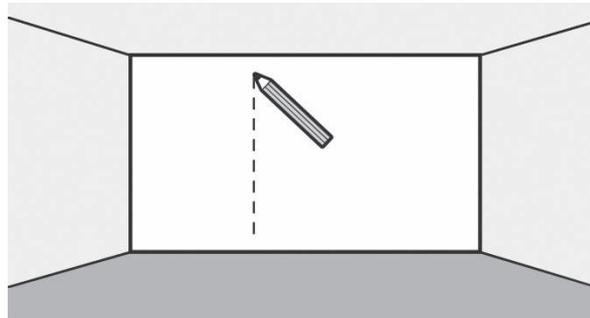
The goal is to completely soak the back side of the paper to activate the adhesive, if you have access to a wallpaper trough wide enough you can use that. As these troughs can be hard to find, we are using a water spray bottle to wet the back in these instructions. Using a drop sheet to protect flooring is highly recommended.

Take sheet #1 and place it print side down on the floor on the drop sheet. Spray the entire back with water to activate the adhesive, it's very important to saturate the whole thing to ensure all the glue is activated. Alternatively, if you have access to a wallpaper trough, loosely roll the printed wallpaper panel with the printed side facing inwards and completely submerge the entire roll in the trough filled with water for 10 to 15 seconds to activate the glue.

You now do a process called 'booking' the sheet by folding the wet surfaces onto each other. Fold approximately one quarter from both top and bottom ends so they meet at the center of the panel. As per the diagram, do not hard crease the folds. Leave the sheet booked for 1 minute while the glue activates. Un-book the top half on the sheet, leaving the bottom half still booked.

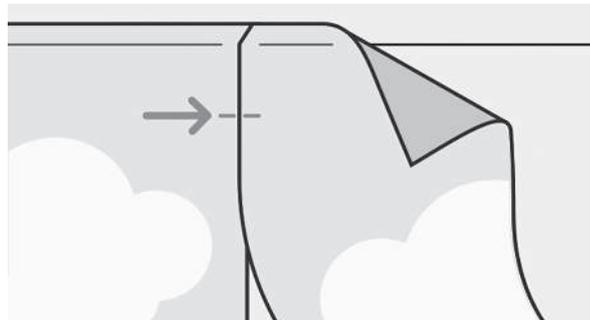
Again with your spray bottle, lightly wet the wall covering the area for sheet #1. Use your step ladders and position the sheet at the top of the wall, the right edge needs to align with your vertical pencil line, the top and left side should have about 3cm overhang to trim off later. Its easiest if you have two people, one aligning and sticking at the top and another person holding the sheet and aligning it with the vertical line on the right.

Using an application tool, sponge or wallpaper brush, gently apply the panel to the wall, smoothing it out in a downwards and outwards motion, removing any bubbles as you go. You will be able to slide the sheet around on the wall to get it into the right position and ensure that the right edge stays on the pencil mark. Once the top section is applied, unfold the bottom booked half to finish the application of the sheet.



3. Hanging Additional Sheets

All additional sheets have a 1cm overlap with guide marks. Take sheet #2 and follow the same process of wetting and booking the sheet. Ensure the image on the overlapping section is aligned with the previous panel. Use the horizontal alignment marks on the panels to align them up. Follow the same process working your way down the sheet and applying it to the wall. Use a seam roller to ensure the product is well bonded at the joins and gently wipe away any excess paste with cold water and a sponge. Apply all additional sheets using the same process.

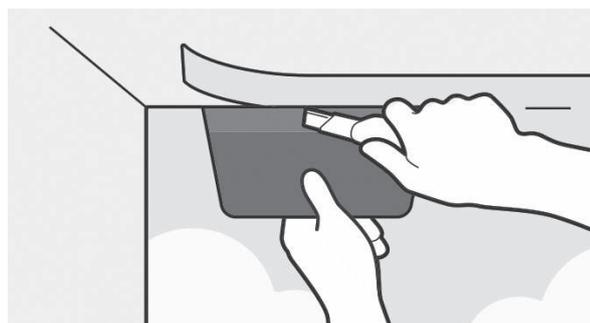


4. Switch Plates

Remove any power point or switch plate covers and apply print directly over the base plates. With a craft knife, start by cutting an X in the middle of the plate, then cut outwards and neatly around the plate. Firmly press the print to the edge of the switch. Carefully trim additional wallpaper around the switch and place the plate cover back over the top.

5. Finishing

Make sure you have applied firm pressure into the edges and corners with the application tool. Take a straightedge as a guide and a fresh sharp blade, carefully trim off excess wallpaper along the edges, there should be about 3cm all around. With a clean damp cloth or sponge, wipe up all excess glue around the edges.



6. Removing

Simply apply a wet sponge directly to the wallpaper. Soak for a few minutes to allow the glue to be reactivated. Peel off until completely removed. Residual adhesive can be wiped clean with a wet sponge. If removal is difficult, simply apply more water on to the surface until wallpaper comes free from wall surface with ease.

Tips:

- Do not over-smooth. Bubbles smaller than the size of a 20c coin will dissipate naturally as the wallpaper dries. To remove large bubbles, carefully remove the affected section and reapply.
- During application, things can look messy - saturated paper, small bubbles and excess paste coming out of the edges - don't worry this will all dry and clean up looking a lot nicer.
- Always use a sharp knife blade to prevent tearing, freshen the blade frequently.