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## A Guide to WALLPAPER INSTALLATION

### SUPPLIES

- *Broad Knife*
- *Olfa Knife*
- *Seam Roller*
- *Bucket*
- *Paint Roller*
- *Spackle*
- *Drop Cloth*
- *Paste*
- *Sponge*
- *Ladder*
- *Pencil*
- *Tape Measure*
- *Level/Plumb Bob*
- *Ruler*
- *Wallpaper Primer*
- *Lint Free Towels*
- *Scissors*
- *Water Tray*

**\*SUPPLIES MAY VARY DEPENDING ON PROJECT**

### CHECK YOUR ORDER

Prior to placing your order, we recommend that paper quantities for your project be carefully calculated as there are NO returns allowed for custom digitally printed items.

Our papers are delivered untrimmed and require pasting.

Upon receiving your digital wallcovering and prior to installation, please examine all goods to make certain the size, image and quality are satisfactory and as ordered.

Check to see that you have received what was ordered and that all mural panels are included in the shipment. If the material is to be stored, make sure the pieces are stored flat in a temperature controlled, dry area, and not crushed.

## SURFACE PREP

Proper surface preparation is essential for quality installations. Surfaces must be clean, smooth, dry and structurally intact before installing any wallcovering. Glossy and non-porous surfaces should be primed prior to installation of wallcovering. Where there is a color contrast between the wall surface and the wallcovering, it is always best to tint the primer to match the color of the wallcovering. All primers should dry completely before wallcovering is installed.

For a superior installation, once primed and smoothed, a liner paper should be used to provide a receptive surface for the pasted sheet of wallpaper.

- *On drywall (painted with latex or oil) use an acrylic primer for prep coat.*
- *On drywall (painted with builders flat) use a primer/sealer.*
- *On new plaster (after the proper curing time) or unpainted plaster, use size mixed with the adhesive you plan to install the final wallcovering with to prepare the surface.*
- *On any wall with stains or mold issues use a stain killer primer (mold must be treated with a bleach solution first).*
- *On a new or repaired drywall use a primer/sealer.*
- *On a wall surface with residual wallpaper paste use a primer/sealer.*

## WALLPAPER INSTALLATION

1. Our wallpaper should arrive trimmed with overlap.
2. Our pattern match is designed for an overlap seam installation, which requires a double-cutting technique.
3. We recommend using a ready-mixed cleaner, non-staining adhesive. Heavy-duty paste may be required depending on the final substrate chosen for your print. If in doubt, a heavy-duty paste will not harm the paper during installation. Do not oversaturate the backing of the paper. Machine pasting is ok to us for all goods unless a specialty paper has been selected. Please consult with an Astek Home associate if you are unable to determine what paste to use or if machine pasting is compatible.  
  
Please take time to pre-test the compatibility of the adhesive you choose with our paper. Hang 2-3 stripes and allow the paper to dry completely to ensure that the adhesive and paper are performing satisfactorily. Clear adhesive can cause staining on some papers (including, but not limited to ShurStick models) and should be examined thoroughly on both the front and back of the paper to ensure they are non-staining. Please be sure to follow the adhesive manufacturer's directions carefully.
4. Apply adhesive to the back of the wallcovering panel using either a short-nap paint roller or a pasting machine. Work the adhesive in the cover the back completely, especially near the edges. Allow panels to book as necessary.

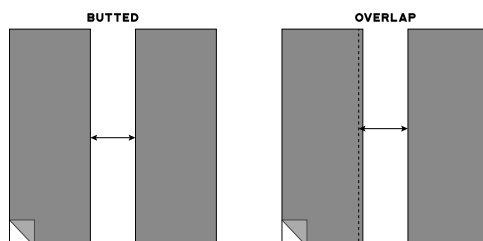
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5. Paper will not require a lot of pressure during installation. Hang the first panel to a plumb line and allow it to overlap onto the ceiling and baseboard. Use either a soft-bristle smoothing brush or plastic smoother, work paper from the center out, to expel any air bubbles. Use the smoothing tools gently in order not to damage the image surface. Use light pressure. Do not press hard enough to remove the adhesive from underneath the wallcovering as this will result in air pockets.

6. Trim with a razor knife at the ceiling and baseboard, around the windows, etc...

7. Line up the scored strip to the edge of the first strip making sure the image/repeat is aligned and smoothed out firmly. Care should be exercised so that the wallboard underneath is not scored. Seams should be vertical, have a tight fit, and be free from air and paste bubbles. Double cutting should be confirmed prior to trimming into any panels.

8. Sponge each strip with clean water to remove any excess adhesive. Use a soft bristle brush to clean if necessary. Change the wash water frequently and blot surfaces dry with a clean towel. During and after hanging, be certain all adhesive residue is completely wiped from the surface. It is important to use a damp sponge or soft damp towel and clean with warm water. Dry with a clean towel. An extra-absorbent microfiber towel is recommended. Avoid excessive use of water, which can re-activate the paste causing seams to split. Avoid rubbing too hard, which can burnish the surface.



If you or your installer have any further questions please email [info@astek.com](mailto:info@astek.com)

To find a professional installer in your area, we recommend the National Guild of Professional Paperhangers at [thepaperhangers.com](http://thepaperhangers.com) or [ngpp.org](http://ngpp.org)

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