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Guide to Traditional Wallpaper Installation

Let's get rolling.



GETTING STARTED



SUPPLIES

Supplies may vary depending on project

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

CHECK YOUR ORDER

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

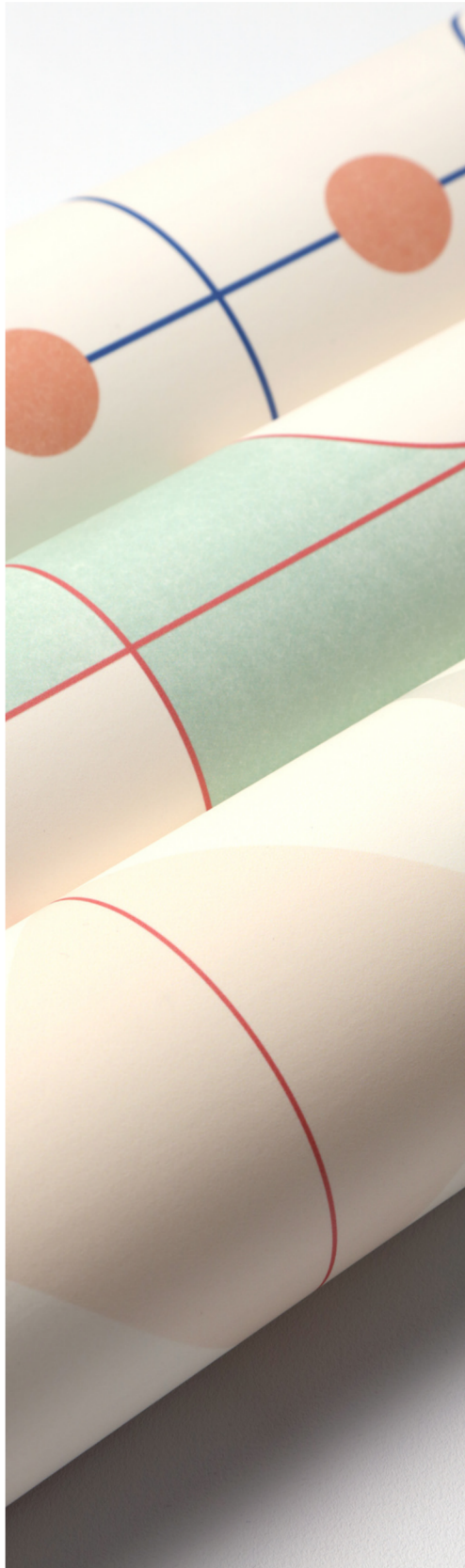
Our papers are delivered untrimmed and require pasting.

Upon receiving your digital wallcovering and before 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. If you ordered a mural, ensure that all mural panels are included in the shipment. If the material is to be stored, make sure the rolls are stored horizontally in a temperature-controlled, dry area, and are not crushed.

Please note: this guide is for traditional wallpaper. For instructions on how to install peel and stick wallpaper, [click here](#).

SURFACE PREP



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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.

SURFACE TYPES

On drywall (painted with latex or oil) use an acrylic primer for the 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 be trimmed dry (un-pasted) on a large flat surface or table.
2. On both sides of the paper, use a snap-off utility knife with a fresh blade to trim flush with the edge of the pattern or guidelines. Our pattern match is designed for a "butted" seam installation. Careful precision is needed for clean seams. If you have arranged for an overlap, a double-cutting technique may be used during your final installation, however you will need to confirm prior to any trimming.
3. We recommend using a ready-mixed clear, 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 use for all goods unless a specialty paper has been selected.
4. 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 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.
5. Apply the adhesive to the back of the wallcovering panel using either a short-nap paint roller or pasting machine. Work the adhesive in to cover the back completely, especially near the edges. Allow panels to book as necessary.

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6. Booking your wallpaper: After pasting, fold the paper back (pasted sides together) and allow to set for the recommended time before hanging. This will allow the paper to relax and absorb the moisture while expanding or contracting. If booked too quickly, the paper will shrink on your wall causing gaps between each panel.
7. 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.
8. Trim with a fresh snap-off utility knife blade at the ceiling and baseboard, around windows, etc.
9. 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. If you have arranged for an overlap, double cutting will be required. This should be confirmed prior to trimming into any panels.
10. 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 essential 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.

GLOSSARY

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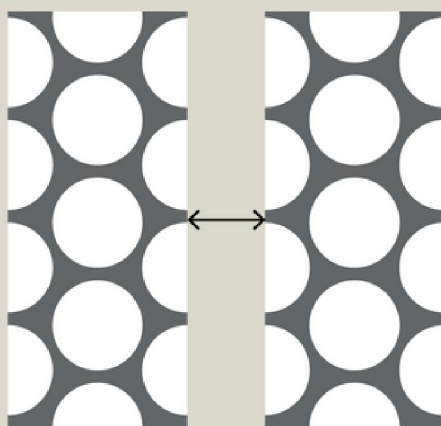


BOOKING TIMES

Booking times vary slightly depending on the material. Paper, vinyl, and natural wallpapers need to book for 3 minutes, while mylar wallpapers need to book a bit longer, for 3-5 minutes.

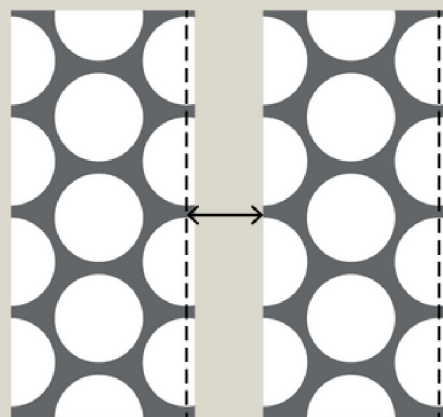
BUTTED SEAM

Pattern repeat matches edge-to-edge. Panels will not overlap when installed.



OVERLAP SEAM

Pattern includes 1" overlap on the right side; requires overlapping or double cutting.





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