

# How to Hang Prepasted Wallpaper



## TOOLS YOU WILL NEED TO HANG PREPASTED WALLPAPER:

- Water Tray
- Knife or Snap Off Blade
- Level
- Sponge & Bucket of Clean Water
- Smoothing Brush or Plastic Smoother
- Tape Measure
- 4-6" Putty Knife and/or Straight Edge
- Pencil
- Step Stool
- Drop Cloth

## GETTING READY TO HANG PREPASTED WALLPAPER

Wondering how to wallpaper a wall? Let us help you!

1. Make sure the walls are clean of all debris and that the surface is smooth. Spackle and smooth out any holes or rough areas on the walls as they may affect the final finish of your wallpaper. You should also remove all face plates and socket covers before beginning, taking care to turn off power first for safety.
2. When deciding where to begin, if hanging wallpaper on all four (4) walls you ideally want to start in the most inconspicuous corner of the room. Some examples of an ideal place to start would be in the back corner of the room, behind a door or a large piece of furniture.
3. The most crucial step in hanging wallpaper is making sure the first strip is straight and level. This will impact the rest of the room so it is important to take your time and do this first step correctly.
4. Measure out from the corner the width of the paper minus 1/2 inch and mark with a pencil.
5. Place a level at the mark and draw a straight, vertical line (plumb line).
6. Every time you reach a corner or start a new wall, follow this procedure to make sure you are hanging the wallpaper straight.

## PREPARING WALLS FOR WALLPAPER

Before hanging wallpaper, it is important to prepare your walls to ensure the success of the project. We recommend hanging wallpaper on smooth, clean and dry walls that have been primed. In general, hanging wallpaper over old wallpaper is not a good idea. For information on removing wallpaper, please see the **HOW TO REMOVE WALLPAPER** section. Take the time to fill in holes and imperfections before putting up your new wallpaper. For heavily textured or damaged walls, hanging a wallpaper liner may be the key to your success. Heavy duty lining paper is available in most paint and wallpaper stores. It evens the wall imperfections, providing a smooth surface for your wallpaper.

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## WET AND BOOK THE STRIP

1. Fill a water tray 2/3 full with water at room temperature.
2. Roll the cut strip from bottom to top, paste side out.
3. You should not see the pattern.
4. Submerge the rolled strip into the water tray.
5. Soak for the amount of time recommended in the manufacturer's hanging instructions, usually 30 seconds.
6. Holding the top of the sheet, slowly lift and unroll the paper onto a work table, making sure the paste is completely wet.
7. Fold the strip
8. Gently fold both ends, paste side in, towards the center of the strip, without creasing the folds. This is known as "booking". You should see the pattern.
9. Let the strip rest for the amount of time recommended in the manufacturer's hanging instructions, usually about 2-5 minutes.

## HANGING YOUR FIRST STRIP OF PREPASTED WALLPAPER

1. Start on the least conspicuous wall of the room, where you have previously used a level to draw your plumb line.
2. Unfold the top half of the strip and apply to the wall, letting a little bit of the wallpaper overlap the ceiling and adjoining wall. Make sure your pattern is right side up!
3. Slide the paper into position so it lines up on the plumb line that you created.
4. Using a wallpaper smoothing tool, gently press the strip to the wall. Be careful not to stretch the wallpaper while positioning.
5. Unfold the bottom half and smooth into place.
6. Smooth the entire strip, working diagonally from the top down and from the center outward, forcing out any air pockets.
7. Wash off excess paste with a damp sponge and clean water. Remember always to use clean water.

## TRIM WALLPAPER

1. Using the 6" putty knife as a guide, trim the excess paper along the ceiling and baseboard with a sharp razor knife. Always use a sharp knife or blade for every cut and do not to lift your knife when making long cuts.
2. Wash paste off ceiling and baseboards with a wet sponge and clean water.

## CONTINUE

1. Use the same procedures to cut and apply more wallpaper strips, matching the pattern to the previous strip.
2. Touch the edges tightly together, but don't overlap the strips.
3. Make a new plumb line on each new wall.