

A living room with a vibrant purple floral wallpaper on a mustard yellow background. A deep red tufted sofa is positioned against the wall, adorned with a mustard yellow blanket and a yellow pillow. A large, ornate chandelier hangs from the ceiling. A dog is lying on a small rug on the floor. The room is decorated with various plants and a patterned rug.

Paste the Wall Wallpaper

INSTALLATION GUIDE

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Please take a moment to review this guide before starting the installation to ensure you understand the process. If you have any concerns, I recommend having a professional installer to do it for you.

If you have a question, please get in touch and I will do my best to find an answer for you!

Please do take care in installing your beautiful wallpaper, as I am unable to replace any rolls for incorrect installation.

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Getting Started

Preparing your wall correctly is essential for a flawless wallpaper installation. Follow these steps to ensure your surface is ready:

1. Begin by making sure the wall is completely dry, smooth, and free from dust, grease, dirt, or any other residue that might prevent the wallpaper from sticking properly.
2. Clear the surface of any old wallpaper, backing paper, or stains such as ink or mildew.
3. Remove nails, screws, and patch up any cracks or holes.
4. Turn off the power supply and carefully detach socket or switch covers.
5. Sand down any uneven or rough spots until the surface feels smooth to the touch.
6. Wash the wall using a sponge, warm water, and mild soap, and let it dry thoroughly for at least 24 hours.
7. If your wall's current colour contrasts heavily with the wallpaper, consider painting it a light, neutral shade to prevent dark colours or patterns from showing through.

Tools you'll need

- Straight ruler
- Pencil
- Spirit level
- Tape measure
- Paste the wall
- adhesive
- Two people
- Clean cloth
- Seam roller
- Ladder or chair Sharp knife
- Squeegee
- Pasting brush
- or roller

Wall Surfaces

Emulsion Paint

Wait at least four weeks for freshly painted walls to fully cure before installing wallpaper. Always refer to the paint manufacturer's guidelines for drying times and follow the steps outlined in the 'Getting started' section.

Plasterboard

Patch up any holes or gaps between plasterboards and apply a coat of primer or diluted paste. Ensure the primer is completely absorbed and dry before starting the installation to prevent excessive paste absorption.

Porous Surfaces (Plaster, Cement Render)

Check that old plaster is stable and free from mould. Any new plaster must be completely dry. Smooth out cement render or concrete by sanding it down, then seal the wall with a primer or diluted paste. Let the primer dry fully, as this prevents the wall from soaking up paste during installation.

Prepare your panels

Carefully unroll the wallpaper and separate the panels.

If you have ordered a mural, arrange the panels in the correct hanging order on the floor, starting with panel one.

Check that the mural or repeat wallpaper is oriented correctly.

Lay the panels out to ensure the design aligns perfectly before proceeding. **If you spot any issues with the print, do not install.**

Instead, reach out and contact me directly so I can find a solution for you.

Paste the Wall

Before applying the paste, measure and mark the width of the first panel on the wall with a pencil. Use a plumb line, spirit level, or laser level to draw a straight vertical line at the mark. This will serve as your guide for positioning the first panel.

Make sure the first panel is aligned perfectly straight, this is essential for a successful installation.

Use a brush or roller to apply an even layer of paste to the wall, covering an area slightly wider than the panel. A smooth and consistent application will help prevent bubbles.

Hang the First Panel

Start from the top and carefully align the first panel with your guideline. Smooth the panel down using a squeegee or a soft cloth to remove any air bubbles or wrinkles.

Important: Avoid stretching or pulling the material during installation. Let the wallpaper fall naturally as you work down the wall. Be extra cautious to prevent scratching or scuffing the printed surface.

Overlap the Wallpaper

Your wallpaper has a 20mm overlap. Use the black crop marks at the top and bottom of the design as a guide to align the next panel with the previous one. Match the design at the seam visually, then smooth it out for a seamless appearance.

Trim the Overlap

Carefully cut through the centre of the overlap using a straight edge and a sharp knife. Keep the knife pressed firmly against the wall as you cut downwards. Avoid lifting the knife mid-cut, as this can result in an uneven join.

Important: Always use a sharp knife, as dull blades may tear the paper.

Remove the Excess Overlap

Once you've made your cut, the top strip should naturally fall away as you work downwards. Gently lift the overlapping piece of wallpaper and carefully remove the thin strip beneath.

If necessary, apply more paste under the join to secure it firmly.

Use a seam roller to ensure the join is properly bonded. Wipe away any excess paste immediately with a clean, soft cloth to keep the surface neat.

Trim and Finish

Use a sharp knife to trim the excess paper at the top and bottom edges of each drop. Always use a sharp blade to avoid tearing the wallpaper.

Repeat these steps until all the panels are installed.

Allow the wallpaper to dry at room temperature with proper ventilation. If there's a radiator or heat source on the same wall, turn it off or lower the temperature for the first 24 hours to minimise shrinkage.

That's it -
sit back, relax, and
enjoy your new
wallpaper!

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