

LET'S HANG SOME WALLPAPER

To be totally upfront, we recommend hiring a professional to tackle this task. It's tricky, messy and you can easily damage the wallpaper by installing it incorrectly. (PS - We aren't held accountable for issues you have in hanging your wallpaper).

However, if you're up for the challenge, here are a few tips:

TO START

All of our wallpapers are pre-pasted and only require water to activate the glue.

Unroll each roll of wallpaper and inspect for defects. You must report and return defective paper BEFORE it is cut and installed. Email hello@merindastudio.com in the rare case of defective paper.

Tools to have on hand: wallpaper tray, tape measure, level, sponge, craft knife, scissors, pencil, clean water, floor protection and a patient helper

1. PREP THE WALLS

The wall surface should be clean, dry, smooth and free of old wallpaper and irregularities. Fill in bumps and grooves, and sand down for smoothness. You might want to consider a wallpaper primer when the wall isn't a perfect canvas - otherwise bubbles or creases can appear over time.

2. MEASURE

Start from the corner of the wall farthest away from the entry of line of sight. Measure the width of the wallpaper (ours is 24") minus one inch (23") to allow for trim on wall edge and mark with a pencil dot. Using a level, draw a straight vertical line from the dot to line up the edge of the wallpaper against. Why? Wall edges aren't always vertically straight.

Then, measure for wall height from the highest point of the section of wall you are measuring. Unroll the wallpaper strip and measure the length to the height of the ceiling, plus 3 additional inches to allow for trimming. Cut the wallpaper here.

3. ACTIVATE THE GLUE

MERINDA wallpaper is pre-pasted and only requires clean water to activate the adhesive glue. Take the cut wallpaper strip and loosely roll it with the printed side facing IN.

Submerge the rolled wallpaper in a water-filled wallpaper tray completely for 15 seconds to activate the glue. This product expands slightly in water, so soak each roll for about the same amount of time.

3. BOOK THE GLUE

Remove and unroll the wallpaper by slowly pulling on the outside edge. Lay the wallpaper on the floor, glue-side up and then fold each of the edges into the middle (so each quarter lays against another quarter). This is called 'booking' and helps relax the paper so the edges don't curl off the wall.

Book for one minute.

4. APPLY THE WALLPAPER

Unfold the top half of the wallpaper, leaving the bottom half booked. Position the glue-exposed top of the wallpaper on the wall, using your pencil line as an edge guide, leaving about an inch of extra length at the top and along the corner edge of the wall. Once satisfied with the positioning, unfold the remaining booked portion of the wallpaper.

Using a damp sponge, smooth downward and outward, working large bubbles out of the paper.

5. TRIM THE WALLPAPER

Using your craft knife, carefully trim the top, corner edge and bottom edge. A dull knife will tear the paper, so make sure the blade is sharp.

6. REPEAT WITH THE NEXT STRIP

Match the pattern on the wallpaper at EYE-LEVEL and align seams against each other – do not overlap the wallpaper. Measure and cut as described above. Patterns are meant to be matched at eye-level – discrepancies are negated at the top and bottom of the walls.

Clean the hung strips with warm water to remove any glue that escaped from the seams.

High fives all around.

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NOTE:

Due to the ink used in printing, there may be a slight odor to the paper when it is first unwrapped. The inks and solvents have all been tested and are safe per OSHA standards. The odor will quickly dissipate during or after hanging. We recommend ventilating the room well after hanging both to speed drying and to allow the odor to dissipate more quickly.