

Wallpaper installation guide

Regardless of whether you've picked a repeating pattern or a large mural, your wallpaper will arrive in a number of panels all at approximately 1200mm wide with an overlap and white border – the border needs trimming prior to installation. Using wider panels means fewer joins but if you think you might need help, ask a friend or call in a decorator to fit.

You'll have already measured up the full wall area before letting us know what to produce – don't forget to always measure to the highest point if the ceiling slopes or is pitched and disregard any doors or windows as these will need to be simply trimmed out when installing.

Before installing

Prior to installation, we recommend checking the wall for any defects and ensure that the surface is smooth, clean and dry. Any loose paint or plaster need to be sorted and any surface that may be porous or absorbent needs a water based primer-sealer to get it ready for what's next.

Lay out your panels and check everything looks as it should. Get an idea of where the panels are going and how it all lines up.

Hang the first drop

Start at the left or right and work from a straight vertical plumb line especially for the first drop.

Both our wallpaper finishes require you to paste the wall so don't paste the back of the wallpaper, instead use a medium pile paint roller and ready mixed paste and apply directly to the wall, only covering one panel area at a time. Don't paste all the way to the overlap edge as you will apply the adhesive to this section after trimming.

Apply the drop carefully to the pasted surface and gently slide into position so it meets the plumb line. Using a soft brush or damp sponge, smooth out any wrinkles or bubbles and work in a gradual vertical motion not pressing on too hard – rough horizontal smoothing can leave small gaps between the panels when dried.

Overlap the panels and trim

Apply the paste to the next section of wall using the same technique as the first panel. Each panel is printed with a small overlap – slide the second panel into position overlapping slightly until the pattern is perfectly in place.

Using a sharp blade, take your time and cut all the way through the middle of the overlap. Use a large ruler to maintain a straight line. Cut through both panels without lifting the blade away from the wallcovering. Gently remove the excess strips from both panels.

Apply paste underneath the join and smooth the edge down with a seam roller, making sure it's all adhering nicely to the wall.

Any wallpaper excess at the top and bottom will need trimming away once done and any paste needs to be gently removed before drying using a clean and soft damp cloth. Then move on to the next panel.