



How to Wallpaper paste the paper wallpaper.

How do you know whether wallpaper is paste the wall or paste the paper? If there is no symbol showing a wallpaper brush or a symbol with the wallpaper horizontal, as shown above then you need to paste the paper.



Tools for the job. Pasting table, wallpaper scissors, snap knife, pasting brush, bucket for mixing paste, paste, brush for smoothing out paper, sponge and clean water for removing excess paste. Also useful plumb bob (we used a spirit level). To start, check your wallpaper width (most wallpaper is 53cm wide) and less than wallpaper width from the edge of the wall use your plumb bob (or spirit level) to mark a straight line from ceiling to floor. This will ensure that your wallpaper is straight. You can also start in the middle of the wall but never use a door frame or corner of the room as your straight edge because they might not be as straight as you think!

Measure out your paper (we just hold it up to the wall), making sure you have about 10cm over at the top and the bottom, and following the paste instructions on mixing the paste correctly apply paste to the paper being careful to ensure that the paste is spread to the edge of the paper. Try not to get any paste on the pasting table as it will end up on the front of the paper, move the paper to one edge of the pasting table, apply paste then move the paper to the other edge of the table and apply paste right up to the edge.



Checking which is end is the top fold the bottom end of the paper about 1/2 to 2/3 leaving a the top free to be stuck to the wall, leave the paper to rest for five minutes before hanging. The reason the paper has to rest is because the wood fibres in the paper will have expanded when the wet wallpaper paste has been applied and have to be able to relax back to their original size. If wallpaper is hung too quickly without giving it this time to rest it will shrink on the wall leaving gaps between each strip of wallpaper.

Using your pencil line as a guide and starting at the top place the paper on the wall and when the paper is straight smooth off using the brush. Don't be afraid to pull the paper away from the wall if you haven't got it straight right away, it is better to gently pull the paper away and re-align it than try to move it once it is on the wall. Use the brush to smooth the paper right to the edge, if any paste gets onto the front of the paper wipe it off with a damp sponge.





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It is important to check the wallpaper to make sure it is not faulty, do not throw away the labels and check for any faults after hanging three drops. If you do see a fault in the pattern stop and inform the retailer.

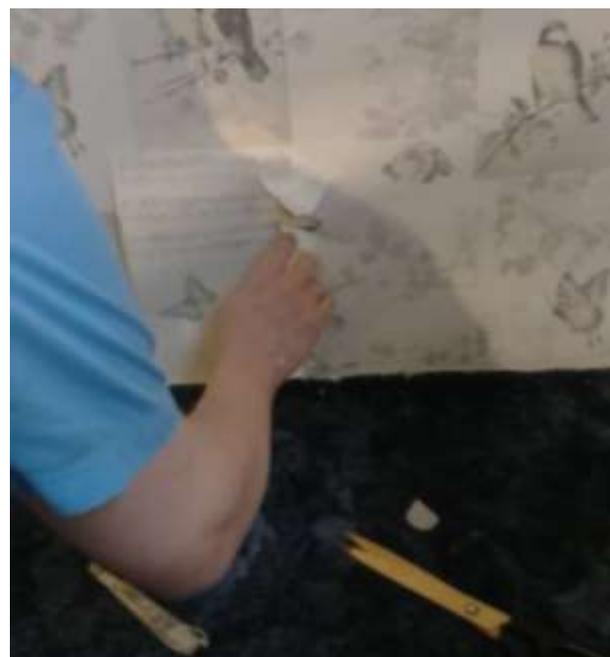
To trim the top and the bottom, using the back, blunt edge of the scissors lightly score the paper following the line of the ceiling, Gently pull the paper away and cut along the scored line then smooth back down with the brush and wipe any excess paste off with the damp sponge. When preparing your next drop of paper make sure before cutting that your pattern will match up. To ensure a seamless finish butt the next piece of paper up against the first, avoid overlapping or leaving too big a gap.



To paper around a socket or light switch; first switch off the electric at the fuse box. Unscrew and pull away from the wall leaving a small gap. Cover the socket with masking tape to avoid accidentally damaging it.

Hang the wallpaper and when you get to the socket area you should be able to feel it. Use the snap knife to make a nick in the paper in what should be the middle of the socket. Using the scissors cut a small X and peel back the flaps.

Using the knife or scissors increase the size of the X to the corners of the socket and then cut off the triangle of paper. Try not to cut too much off you can always trim a little more off.





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Tuck the paper behind the socket, only a small edge of paper should be behind the socket, if you accidentally cut your X too big as long as you haven't removed too much paper the cut will be hidden when the socket is screwed back on.

Remove the masking tape and screw the socket back to the wall. **DO NOT SWITCH THE ELECTRICITY BACK ON** until the paste has dried. If in doubt leave overnight.

A feature wall wallpapered can look amazing and can be done in a couple of hours, ours took three hours but we worked slowly and had two sloping ceilings to trim to.

