

Installing wallpaper is as easy as... 123

This how-to guide will help make your wallpaper installation project a success!

Before you start your project, it is important walls are clean and in good condition.



- Inspect your walls for any high points, loose paint and cracks
- Scrap off irregularities with the PaperScraper or Zinsser SoftGrip® Four-IN-One Tool then repair surfaces with a patching compound
- Sand smooth
- Remove any dust and debris with a damp cloth

If you have existing wallpaper on your walls, remove it with Zinsser's quick & easy 3-step removal system:



- Score wall with PaperTiger® so stripper can penetrate the paper
- Apply DIF® Wallpaper Stripper
- Remove paper with PaperScraper™ removal tool

If you have damaged drywall, follow these steps:



- Coat the surface with GARDZ® High Performance Sealer to repair and seal torn drywall
- Fill in any damaged areas with a patching compound and sand
- Spot prime with GARDZ over skim coats

SureGrip® Wallcovering Adhesives are a complete line of professional quality, problem-solving adhesives for every type of application – from traditional borders and wallpaper to delicate speciality wallcoverings in any environment.



Prepz® Wallpaper and Border Prep & Adhesive is a revolutionary adhesive that activates the paste on pre-pasted wallpaper and borders, properly conditions them for hanging and eliminates the need for wall size and water trays – all in one step!

Shieldz® Universal Wallcovering Primer is a one step, mildew-resistant, high-hiding primer for use on all surfaces, with all adhesives, under or over all wallcoverings.



Shieldz® Clear Wall Size is an economical, fast-drying, ready-to-use acrylic sealer and sizing for preparing painted and glossy surfaces for wallcovering – even hard-to-stick surfaces such as existing vinyl wallcovering and paneling.

Zinsser Wallcovering Tools are a unique line of wallcovering tools designed to make any wallpaper and border project faster, easier and successful. This collection of rollers, sponges, knives, scissors, prep trays and wallpaper and border kits feature quality construction, ergonomic designs and innovative features not found in ordinary wallcovering tools.



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Prepare the surface

Proper surface preparation plays an important role in the success of your project. Priming your walls with **Shieldz®** prior to hanging wallpaper makes it easier to apply now and easier to remove later.

Shieldz Wallcovering Primers work great on any surface with any adhesive and any wallpaper – even new non-woven wallpapers. They are **ideal for use** with new builder's paint, paneling, "impossible to remove" existing wallcovering and glossy surfaces. **Shieldz** makes wallpaper positioning easier and promotes excellent adhesion.

Choose **Shieldz® Universal Wallcovering Primer** to prime, seal, size and hide in ONE coat. It's great for use on new drywall, porous paint, existing wallpaper, spackled or taped areas, or for hiding contrast over a colored or patterned surface. **Shieldz** protects wall surfaces from damage when stripping and is now formulated with **Zinsser's exclusive "MOLD & MILDEW SHIELD™"**.

Choose **Shieldz® Clear Wall Size**, a **ready-to-use** acrylic wall sizing, for preparing any painted or glossy surface for wallcovering installation. **Shieldz Clear Wall Size** can be tinted to dark colors to hide seams on dark wallcoverings.



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Time for pasting

SureGrip® Wallcovering Adhesives provide superior adhesion for all types of wallcoverings in a wide range of installation conditions, including hanging in high-humidity areas such as kitchens and bathrooms, and over painted or vinyl-covered surfaces. All **SureGrip Wallcovering Adhesives** are mold & mildew resistant and strippable to ensure easy removal when it's time to redecorate.

Preppz® Wallpaper and Border Prep & Adhesive is the best way to prepare pre-pasted wallpaper or borders for hanging over paint or existing wallpaper.

Use **Zinsser Wallcovering Tools** for professional results. These smart tools are easy and comfortable to use and meet all of your wallcovering project needs.

Carefully measure the wall and cut the wallpaper to the proper length using either the **Zinsser SoftGrip® Décor Shears**, **Razor Knife** or **Snap-Off Knife**. Apply adhesive to the back of wallpaper or border with the **Zinsser Paste & Stripper Applicator**, making sure edges are covered. Fold wallpaper/border back to itself (paste to paste) and let it sit as per manufacturer's directions.

Select the proper adhesive based on the installation conditions such as surface type, type of wallcovering to be hung and humidity level.



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Hang your new wallpaper

Use your imagination and follow these easy instructions to transform your room with amazing results.

The easiest way to hang wallpaper is to align it with a straight vertical line, allowing excess at the top and bottom for trimming. After positioning the wallpaper, smooth it out with the **WalWiz® 3 IN 1 Wallpaper Tool** or **Zinsser Smoothing Tool** to remove air pockets.

WalWiz features a patented edge designed to smooth, seal and set seams, and trim wallpaper with just one tool. Trim overhanging paper with the **SoftGrip Razor Knife** or **Snap-Off Knife** using the **WalWiz** as a guide. Then you are ready for the next sheet.

Wipe off adhesive on the surface of wallpaper with the **Zinsser Wall & Wallcovering Sponge**. Before you know it, you will have transformed your room from ordinary to extraordinary with wallpaper.



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* This product contains a mildewcide to prevent the growth of mold & mildew on the primer film only.