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STEP-BY-STEP WALLPAPERING GUIDE

STEP ONE

Measure the length and height of the surface area that will be wallpapered in order to determine the amount of paper required for your project. Remember that orientation will also help determine how much wallpaper will be needed.

STEP TWO

Wash down the walls with warm water and soft washcloths (or sponge) to remove any dirt or debris.

Wallpaper sticks better to clean surfaces. An oil-based primer may be used to prep walls but is not always required. Allow to dry over night if using.

STEP THREE

One of the most crucial steps in hanging wallpaper is sealing your wall with an acrylic sealer using a paintbrush or paint roller. The sealer acts like a barrier between the wallpaper and the wall.

STEP FOUR

While allowing the sealer to dry, roll on the activator for pre-pasted paper onto your wallpaper with a paint roller to evenly distribute the activator.

Immediately fold over the activator side in half over itself. This process is known as "booking". The moisture from the activator relaxes and expands the paper making the wallpaper easy to hang. Allow at least 5 minutes for the activator to work.

STEP FIVE

Mark guidelines along your walls using a pencil and level. Begin where the edge of the wall and ceiling meet to ensure you lay down the wallpaper straight .

STEP SIX

Slowly apply the wallpaper along the vertical guidelines from the ceiling down. Hanging wallpaper usually requires a two person effort: one to place the wallpaper along the guidelines and the other to hold the remaining paper to be hung.

STEP SEVEN

Smooth out any bubbles using a damp sponge or wallpaper brush to push out any bubbles and clean up any sticky residue.

After the first piece has been successfully installed, continue to hang across your wall being mindful that the patterns and seams line up.

STEP EIGHT

Use a mat knife to trim off any excess wallpaper.