# How to install



# 3M PEEL & STICK VINYL

# Wall Preparation:

The wall surface should be clean, dry, structurally sound and free of mildew, grease, or other stains, and free of irregularities in order to achieve the best hanging performance and complete removal when redecorating.

To apply on drywall: For best results, apply to a wall surface that has been painted with one coat of wallcovering primer and one coat of latex paint (a wall surface that has been painted with a single coat of primer or a coat of satin or gloss paint is acceptable). The wall surface should be clean, smooth, and free of debris or contaminants. If the paint is old, damaged, or flaking, priming is highly recommended.

<u>To apply to a wall previously covered with wall paper</u>: Any old wall paper remaining should be removed as well as the old adhesive (remove by sanding or using adhesive remover). Primer should be applied to the wall surface that is clean, smooth, and free of the old adhesive.

To apply to a wall currently covered with wallpaper: Not recommended.

### Before you begin:

If the surface has been freshly painted, please wait at least 1 week for the paint to fully cure. Bubbles can occur if the paint is still outgassing/flashing off.

Installation is recommended no longer than 2 weeks after receipt. No warranty will be valid if installation is past 4 weeks.

## Tools you might need:

A trimming tool (Xacto knife).

A rubber or soft squeegee.

A short ladder or step stool.

A dry cloth.

A measuring tape.

#### STEP 1: UNROLL THE PANELS

Unroll all panels and lay them flat on the floor, the printed side facing the ceiling.

DO NOT install 3M Peel & Stick Vinyl on paints that are stain-resistant or washable. These paints are crafted to prevent self-adhesive materials from sticking. Other paints to avoid installing on are Low or No VOC paints, eco-friendly paints, easy to clean, washable or scrubbable paints.

#### STEP 2: PEEL & STICK

Note: Vinyl tends to stretch and panels won't align properly if stretched. It is important to avoid the back of the vinyl to stick to itself.

Peel off the liner 3-6 inches only across the top of the first panel. Do not peel off the entire liner all at once!

Align and stick the top of the panel to the top of your wall, along the ceiling line. This is the easiest place to start. Using a smoothing tool or squeegee, work from the center to the edge, then return to the center and work to the opposite edge. Use overlapping strokes while applying a small portion of the graphic at a time. Do not use too much pressure to avoid any scratches.

Please use a plastic or cloth squeegee (4"-6" felt wrapped) when installing as using your hands only can create and leave bubbles (especially on texture surfaces.) Put good pressure on the material (especially on slightly textured walls) to help get the adhesive into those crevasses.

Peel off the rest of the panel by gradually and evenly pulling down the liner, a 4-6 inches at a time. We recommend having another person hold the bottom of the panel as you work your way down.

Once the first panel is applied, and if necessary, remove any bubbles by gently pushing them outward with the squeegee.

#### **STEP 3: ADDITIONAL PANELS**

Start by aligning Panel#2 to Panel#1. Your Vinyl wall mural comes with an overlap! The first 0.5" or 1" of Panel#2 will match the last 0.5" or 1" of Panel#1. Overlap Panel#2 onto Panel#1. Do not butt joint the panels!

Follow STEP 1 above to apply the rest of Panel#2. Repeat the same process to apply all additional panels.

#### **STEP 4: TRIM OVERAGE**

Once all panels have been applied, SLOWLY trim all the overage with a utility knife with a sharp blade (ie: Xacto knife). Follow the edges of your wall or ceiling to do so. You can also use a ruler to cut through a straight line.

If needed, repeat this process to cut around outlets (if not removed prior to installation), fuse boxes, windows, doors, etc.

#### **STEP 5: REMOVAL PROCESS**

Slowly and gently pull the panels from the wall. Use your hand to gradually hold back the wall mural during this process. To make the removal process easier, you may use a heat source - such as a hair blower - to weaken the adhesive.