

Smooth Paste the Wall Wallpaper DIY Step-by-Step Installation Guide

Items you'll need:

- Spirit level
- Sharp scissors & utility knife (with spare blades)
- Tape measure, long ruler & pencil
- Roller & roller tray
- Fine paint brush (for applying wallpaper paste in corners)
- Non-woven wallpaper paste (Tip: Opt for the highest quality and carefully follow the instructions)
- Ladder or step-stool
- A couple of lint-free cleaning cloths for wiping excess glue (Tip: Keep 2 damp and 2 dry cloths ready)
- Soft small roller for seams
- Dropsheet (to simplify cleanup!)

Let's begin:

1. Prioritize safety by turning off electricity. Remove power outlet and light switch covers, and cover outlet holes with masking tape. Wipe around outlets with a dry cloth to eliminate any dust.

2. After following the detailed preparation guide, wipe down the wall with a dry, lint-free cloth to ensure it's free from dust.

3. Don't forget to inspect your wallpaper! Before installation, lay out all the panels and thoroughly examine them for imperfections and proper sequencing (You wouldn't want to reach the last panel only to find out it's in the wrong order!). Each panel is labeled on the bottom left corner, Panel 1, Panel 2, Panel 3 and so on.

4. Starting at the far left of your wall, (never install in the middle of a wall, and always start in your most inconspicuous corner). Begin by positioning yourself at the far left of the wall. Use a ruler and pencil to mark 43cm (430mm) from the top and bottom corners of the wall. Draw a straight line connecting these marks with a spirit level. This line ensures the first panel is level.

Each panel measures 48cm (480mm) in width. We mark the first point at 43cm (430mm) to provide extra material on the left side of your initial panel, compensating for any unevenness in the walls. This is crucial to ensure proper alignment of your design or pattern along the wall. Excess material will be trimmed off after installing the entire wallpaper wall.

5. Thoroughly read your non-woven wallpaper paste instructions, it is important you also follow those instructions for the best outcome. Roll the paste onto your wall, cut-in around ceiling, corners, electrical sockets and skirting using your fine paint brush - apply enough paste for one panel width at a time, adding approx 2 inches of paste to the right of your marked pencil line, this will ensure your seam has enough paste to properly adhere.

6. Align the wallpaper with your straight pencil line, ensuring it's level. Leave 5cm (50mm/2.5 inch) of excess on the left, as well as at the top near the ceiling and at the floor. This allows for adjustments if the walls aren't perfectly square, with a margin of up to 10cm (100mm/4 inch) in height. Smooth the wallpaper gently from top to bottom using upward and outward motions with a clean, dry lint-free cloth. Avoid using any hard objects or smoothing tools as they can damage the delicate surface of the wallpaper. With a gentle and



smooth upward, outward motion - push any air bubbles from the inner to the outer seams using a dry soft cloth as you work your way down the panel.

Keep in mind that your wallpaper can be repositioned during installation before the glue has set. If you need to adjust the placement or fix any bubbling or creasing, carefully peel the wallpaper panel back off the wall, then realign and reapply as necessary before the glue dries. If the first coat of wallpaper paste has begun to dry, apply more before reapplying the panel.

Important: When installing Olive et Oriel wallpaper, do not overlap it. The wallpaper is designed with a pre-trimmed butt join and is meticulously checked before shipping to ensure it aligns perfectly on a level wall.

6. Prepare your wall for the next panel by applying paste. Line up the next panel with the first one, ensuring the pattern aligns, and begin the smoothing process again. Secure the seams into place using a soft seam roller; avoid plastic tools or excessive pressure, as the wallpaper paste will naturally dry and set the join. Vigorous rubbing won't affect this process; gentle pressure with the seam roller is enough to adhere the wallpaper to your walls. Carefully wipe away any excess glue with a damp lint-free cloth, avoiding rubbing or scrubbing motions. Then, thoroughly dry the area with a separate lint-free cloth.

7. Repeat until all panels are installed.

8. After installing all panels, meticulously trim off any excess using a straight edge and a utility knife. Ensure to replace the blade as needed, as a dull blade may tear the wallpaper.

Pro Tip for Trimming Power Outlets:

To ensure safety, always turn off electricity and switch off power outlets before beginning. Remove outlet covers and cover any electrical sockets with masking tape. Carefully use a sharp utility knife with a fresh blade to cut a small X into the wallpaper over the outlet, from edge to edge. This allows you to fold the wallpaper away from the outlet and trim away the excess, leaving the outlet area free of wallpaper. Once the wallpaper is smoothly applied to the wall, you can replace the cover for a clean and professional finish.

Now you're ready to style your room, and don't forget to take a photo and share it with us on Instagram by tagging @oliveetoriel - we want to share your style with our followers!