

# FARROW & BALL<sup>®</sup>

CRAFTSMEN IN PAINT AND PAPER

## How to Hang Wallpaper

Our wallpaper is a beautiful thing, and hanging it should be undertaken with the same delicacy and precision we put into making it. To help you get it just right, we've rustled up some insider's tips.

### Preparation

Preparing a wall for wallpaper is like laying good foundations for a beautiful home. It needs to be done methodically, and thoroughly. So find the perfectionist within you and follow these steps:

1. You want the wall as clean as possible, so remove all traces of dirt, old wallpaper, and flaking paint.
2. With a suitable filler, even out cracks and irregularities to achieve a satisfyingly smooth surface.
3. Once you've smoothed, filled, and sanded your wall, make sure all surfaces are clean and dry.
4. To achieve the perfect edges, before you wallpaper your wall, you may need to paint the wall in a similar colour to the wallpaper you are applying to ensure that the background does not show through at the seams where the edges of the wallpaper meet.

### Application

The art to hanging wallpaper beautifully involves care and attention to detail. But it also requires confidence. So if you add a pinch of courage to the following steps, the results will be fabulous.

1. Our wallpapers are 140gsm, and are classified as a medium to heavy grade paper. Nonetheless, if the walls are significantly uneven, then you may want to use lining paper to ensure a faultless finish. For best results this should be hung horizontally, to avoid matching seams therefore greater chance of peeling
2. Before cutting into lengths according to the height of the wall, check the pattern repeat will align with the previous / next drop and that you have the design the correct way round. Our wallpapers can be rolled in either direction so the free end isn't always the top of the design. And don't forget to allow 2-3 inches at the top and bottom for trimming.
3. It's important to get the best paste for the job. We recommend using Farrow & Ball Wallpaper Paste, which has been specially formulated for Farrow & Ball wallpapers.
4. Measure the water into a plastic container following the advice on the packaging, and whilst stirring add the paste. You'll feel the mixture gradually thicken. When the stick can stand up by itself, it's ready. If it's too watery overstretching can occur, which causes the paper to shrink back when dry.
5. All our papers are numbered and should be hung consecutively, so make sure you apply the paste to the correct length of wallpaper. Carefully brush an even coat of paste over the paper, making sure the edges are well pasted.
6. Take care when applying the paste as if the paper becomes too wet it will shrink back when dry, and if too little is used, it will not stick to the wall and be difficult to move to the final position.
7. Time to take stock. Allow the paper to soak for up to 5 minutes, until pliable.
8. Now for the precision. As a guide, draw a vertical line on the wall for hanging the first drop. For the next drop, you can use the edge of the first drop and the pattern, to achieve the perfect position.
9. When hanging your wallpaper take care not to stretch it as it will shrink back when dry, exaggerating the seams.
10. When you're happy with the position, cut off the excess paper with a sharp blade to give a clean, straight edge.
11. Our papers have a traditional matt finish, so you can wipe off any shiny marks from the paste with a damp, soft cloth. Use a soft clean dry cloth to remove residual water after cleaning to stop marking.
12. Now take a step back and admire your Farrow & Ball wallpaper, which has now been beautifully hung!

## **Considerations**

To get the best out of your wallpaper, please take the following points into consideration.

1. While our papers can be hung in bathrooms and kitchens, they are not suitable for high humidity areas. If you are planning to paper a humid room, please fully consider the general environment of the room and potential implications before you proceed. If you'd rather not take the risk, use paint instead!
2. Local conditions will differ from room to room depending on size, extraction, and general humidity, all of which give varying levels of condensation. As such, we cannot guarantee our papers' suitability across all situations.
3. Please ensure sufficient ventilation; whilst our papers are wipe-able, they are not waterproof.
4. Take care when using household cleaning products as they may cause tarnishing if they come into contact with our metallic printed papers.

## **Cleaning**

Our wallpapers are protected with a specially formulated glaze, so you can gently clean the surface with a damp, soft cloth.