



Wallpaper Removal & Installation **madeeasy**





Remove Paper

IN 3 EASY STEPS

With Zinsser products, wallpaper removal projects have never been easier. Liquid and gel strippers, scoring and scraping tools eliminate time-consuming and messy steps in removing old wallpaper and stubborn glue.

Decide what type of wallpaper you will be removing.

WALLPAPER TEARS IN SMALL PIECES:

- 1** SCORE wallpaper with PaperTiger® Tool.
 - Apply DIF Stripper.
 - Remove wallpaper with PaperScrapper™ Tool.
 - Reapply DIF® Stripper.



VINYL FRONT PEELS OFF, LEAVING PAPER BACKING ON WALL:

- 2** PEEL off the vinyl front.
 - Apply DIF® Stripper.
 - Remove the paper backing with PaperScrapper™.
 - Reapply DIF® Stripper.



VINYL WALLPAPER PULLS OFF COMPLETELY WITHOUT SEPARATING, LEAVING ONLY THE OLD GLUE:

- 3** REMOVE the vinyl wallpaper.
 - Apply DIF® Stripper.
 - Remove residual glue.



STEP 1

Score THE WALLPAPER

The only way to remove wallpaper is to loosen the glue behind the paper. Revolutionary PaperTiger® Scoring Tool perforates, separates and lifts wall-coverings. Works on all types of wallpaper:

- Vinyls • Foils
- Flocks • Multiple layers
Even painted-over or coated wall-coverings!
- Unique, patented scoring discs open surface holes.
 - separate and lift wall-coverings.
 - allow stripping solution to penetrate all the way to the adhesive.



No need for sanding or steamers!

- Automatic depth control.
 - cuts through more than one layer.
 - will not damage wall with normal use.
- Free-floating claws move up, down, across wallpaper for quick perforation.
- Hardened steel teeth remain sharp for multiple uses. Won't rust or corrode.

HOW TO USE:

Run tool over wall-covering in a random pattern. Use light pressure to perforate the entire wallpapered surface. The more holes you make, the faster the stripper will penetrate and the easier the wallpaper will come off.



STEP 2

Choose FROM FOUR DIF STRIPPERS

All DIF® wallpaper strippers have patented formulas with special enzymes and wetting agents. Choose from four. Each guarantees to remove any wallpaper by dissolving old glue between the paper and the wall. All are safe, non-toxic and easy-to-apply.

DIF® CONCENTRATE LIQUID:

The most popular wallpaper remover in the world.

A patented wall-covering solution that fits most jobs.

- Non-toxic and safe to use.
- Sprayer or roller application.
- Economical. Mix with water.
- A 22 oz. bottle makes enough to strip a large, 12' x 24' room.
- Available in 22 oz. and 1 gallon sizes.



DIF® FAST-ACTING LIQUID:

Powerful! Makes removal faster and easier than before. Recommended for the most challenging wallpaper removal jobs. Penetrates and loosens virtually all types of wallpaper in minutes. Stays wet without drippy mess. Just spray or roll on – easily!

Ready-to-use, clear, non-staining and lightly scented.

- Available in 32 oz. spray bottle and 1 gallon sizes.



DIF® QUICK:

The fast, Eco-friendly solution for wallpaper removal. Contains no VOCs or toxic compounds.

- Works in just two minutes!
- Ready-to-use, non-staining.
- Easily dissolves any glue.
- Biodegradable raw materials.
- Available in convenient 32 oz. spray bottle and 1 gallon sizes.



DIF GEL:

For the tough jobs! No-drip formula provides long, effective soaking. Gel stays wet and clings to vinyl, film, foil, flock. Ready-to-use, fast-acting blue gel stays in place. Gentle soaking action protects the wall.

- Preferred for hard-to-remove adhesives.
- Choice for stripping paper applied over unpainted drywall or painted surfaces.
- Blue color lets you see what you soak.



HOW TO Apply Stripper

EASY ROLL ON OR FAST SPRAY APPLICATION



Plan your work and use a drop-cloth to protect nearby carpets, floors & furnishings.

Start at the top and work down.

Spread out any drips with a short-nap roller.

Be sure to use a fresh roller cover.

Follow directions on the DIF® container. Each formulation works best when applied according to Zinsser recommendations.

Allow time for DIF® Stripper to work!

When wallpaper turns a dark color or starts to bubble, then it's time to begin removing the wallpaper

Note...

Work in sections. Do one area at a time. Apply stripper, wait, remove wallpaper. Reapply DIF® to remove the adhesive. Then move on to the next section. It's that easy!

STEP 3

Remove

WALLPAPER & ADHESIVE

Allow DIF® stripper to sit on treated wallpaper for a few minutes. When it darkens and bubbles, use PaperScraper™ tool to remove all paper. Work slowly and patiently.

PAPERSCRAPER™ WALLPAPER REMOVER AND WALL SCRAPER:

PaperScraper™ works better than razor-edged scrapers or putty knives. It's safer to use, too. It holds the scraping blade at the perfect angle. Get the most effective scraping action with no damage to the wall.



- Uniquely designed to easily scrape old, loosened wallpaper or dried paint drips.
- Removes residual adhesives from wall after final application of DIF®.
- Protects unpainted drywall or painted surfaces.
- Replaceable blade has two cutting edges.

HOW TO USE:

Hold scraper flat against the wall. Begin scraping at one side. Scrape off loosened paper. Grab and pull large, loosened pieces. Go back and scrape any missed areas.



- After the wallpaper has been removed, use PaperScraper™ to remove residual adhesive, high points and old paint drips.



- Remove adhesive residue with another application of DIF® Wallpaper Stripper. Scrape glue residue with PaperScraper™.
- Rinse walls with clean water. Let dry.

Wallpaper

INSTALLATION

Note...

Paint before papering! Zinsser paints complete your decorating make-over. Paint trim, ceilings, any walls that won't be wallpapered. Do all painting first, then paper. (See back cover for suggestions.)



Surface

PREPARATION

Wallpaper is a great way to transform any room. What is the secret to easier paper hanging? A few wall preparation steps are worth the time to get perfect results!

1 INSPECT WALLS before you begin to see what needs doing. Prep all surfaces.

PAINTED WALLS:

- Scrape off high points, loose paint and other irregularities with Zinsser SoftGrip® 4-IN-1 Wallpaper Trim Tool or PaperScaper™.
- Fill in nail holes or cracks and sand when dry.

PAPERED WALLS:

- Remove old wallpaper by scoring with PaperTiger®.
- Select your choice among four DIF® Wallpaper Strippers. (p 3-4)
- Spray or roll on stripper to saturate paper.
- Remove with PaperScaper™ Tool.
- Reapply DIF® to wall and scrape off all old glue.

2 REPAIR DAMAGED DRYWALL to create a smooth surface for wallpaper.

- Repair all surface holes, cracks or irregularities.
- After sanding and removing dust, seal surface with Gardz®.

GARDZ® PROBLEM SURFACE SEALER

Get the best results and seal the surface before papering. Gardz® offers a clear, low odor solution that covers paint and dries quickly to a hard film. Penetrates deeply into porous surfaces like uncoated drywall. Resists moisture so it won't rewet. Covers builder's flat paint.

- Easy soap and water clean-up.
- Available in quart, 1 gallon and 5 gallons.



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PRIME THE SURFACE you are papering. Shieldz® primer by Zinsser makes it easier for application now and paper removal later. Start with clean, dry walls, then prime them.

SHIELDZ® WALLCOVERING PRIMERS:

Shieldz® primer rolls on any surface and is compatible with every kind of wallpaper – even new, non-woven paper. Shieldz® is ideal for covering new builder's paint, paneling, glossy surfaces and "impossible to remove" wallcovering. Makes positioning easier, promotes excellent adhesion. Shieldz® is available in white or clear.



SHIELDZ® UNIVERSAL WALLCOVERING PRIMER:

A one-coat solution to hide, prime and seal walls in one easy step. White primer makes the paper easier to move for seam match; stops curling and bubbling. Formulated with Zinsser's exclusive "Mold & Mildew Shield" with the convenience of low odor and soap and water clean-up. Because it is tintable, it can hide seams – especially if the paper has a dark background. Match it with one of Zinsser's custom colors.

- Available in quart, 1 gallon and 5 gallon sizes.



SHIELDZ® CLEAR WALL SIZE:

Any wall being papered needs to be sized first to make it easier to work with the wallpaper. Clear, ready-to-use acrylic wall sizing adheres to vinyl, paneling, and other difficult surfaces. Helps paper move easily for perfect seam alignment and adhesion. Tintable formula dries in just two hours. One can does a large room. Economical. Soap and water clean-up and low odor make this a good wallpaper prep choice.

- Available in quart and 1 gallon sizes.



Wallpaper

PASTING

Prepare workplace before hanging the wallpaper. Begin by removing as much furniture from the room as possible. Cover the floor with a dropcloth and turn off power to room switches and outlets. Set up a large worktable.

A piece of plywood over two sawhorses works well.

Your wallpaper store may rent a wallpaper table for a small fee. Be sure to reserve it when you place the order. Buy an extra roll of paper to allow for any patching needed.



SUREGRIP® WALLCOVERING ADHESIVES:

Provides superior adhesion for all types of wallcoverings, including printed and vinyl surfaces. Its mold and mildew-resistant formula make it ideal for high humidity areas, such as laundry rooms, kitchens and bathrooms. Plus, it's completely strippable for easy removal when you're ready to redecorate.

SUREGRIP® 120 ACTIVATOR FOR PRE-PASTED WALLPAPER ADHESIVE:

A specially formulated, ready-to-use adhesive for pre-pasted borders and wallcoverings applied to painted and primed walls. It activates the paste on these pre-pasted surfaces for better adhesion.



- Avoids pre-wetting water box mess.
- Doesn't dry as fast as water, so there is more time to work with wallpaper.
- Easy water cleanup.
- Strips easily when you want to redecorate.
- Available in 1/2 gallon and 1 gallon sizes.

SUREGRIP® UNIVERSAL WALLCOVERING ADHESIVE:

The one adhesive for any wallcovering or border

- Pre-pasted. • Non-pasted. • Paste-the-wall.
- Borders over vinyl.

Non-woven borders adhere to any type of vinyl surface. Unique pink formula lets you see any missed spots as paste is applied, then dries clear. This adhesive makes it easy to slide the paper when necessary to reposition. It never stains and cleanup is simple. Dries clear.

AVAILABLE IN SPECIALLY DESIGNED CONTAINERS AND SIZES

FOR EVERY PURPOSE:

- Dip & Roll pail makes application a snap.
- Pail comes in 1.3 gallons and covers up to 5-6 double rolls or 390 sq. ft./1.3 gallon.
- Roller applicator bottle makes application easy and is great for pasting borders.
- Pail comes in three sizes: gallon, quart and 16 oz.



Note...

Select the proper adhesive based on conditions, like surface and wallcovering type and humidity level. Or, call the Rust-Oleum Help-line-800-323-3584.



Install Paper

CUT, PASTE AND HANG

1 MEASURE AND CUT THE PAPER

Measure wall height carefully from ceiling or crown molding to baseboard. Determine where you want the pattern to meet the ceiling. Measure out a length approximately 4" longer than the wall. Mark the top of the sheet where pattern will begin. Cut so pattern repeats in the same place on adjacent sheets. Walls are not always perfectly straight. Make minor adjustments so pattern repeats correctly. Allow an extra 1/2" width for sheets that wrap into inside corners (called a lap seam). Hang the next sheet on top of this lap seam. Draw a new plum line after rounding a corner to be sure paper continues to hang straight.

2 USE THE RIGHT TOOLS

Zinsser makes a selection of professional-quality rollers, sponges, knives, scissors, prep trays, wallpaper and border kits. Ergonomic designs and innovative features not found in bargain choices make wallpaper and border projects more enjoyable, easier and faster.

ZINSSER SOFTGRIP® DECOR SHEARS

Stainless steel blades are corrosion-resistant and work left- or right-handed.

ZINSSER RAZOR KNIFE

Heavy duty swing-lock firmly secures blade and makes changing the blade safe and easy. Large handle provides extra leverage and stores 4 of the 5 blades included in each package.

ZINSSER SNAP-OFF KNIFE

Reversible blades work left- or right handed. Heavy Duty swing lock holds blade securely to make changing blade safe and easy. Each knife comes with 3 sharp snap-off blades.

ZINSSER SOFTGRIP® 4-IN-1 WALLPAPER TRIM TOOL

Multipurpose tool functions as a trim guide, burnishing tool, wall scraper and spackling applicator all in one!



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APPLY ADHESIVE



Lay a cut sheet on the work table, face down. Using a paint roller or the applicator, apply a thin coating of wallpaper adhesive to the back of the paper. For better adhesion to the wall, pasting is recommended even on self-adhesive wallpaper. After paste is applied to the entire strip, fold paper to the middle for easy carrying. Be careful not to crease or tear edges.

Tip...

To keep paste off work surface and prevent it from coating the next sheet, slide the sheet to the table edge. This allows you to apply paste to ends and edges without getting it on the surface of the table. Wipe off any paste on table or front of paper immediately with a clean, damp sponge.



HANGING THE PAPER

Make sure wallpaper is hung straight from top to bottom. In an inconspicuous corner of the room, draw a plumb line $\frac{1}{4}$ " narrower than the width of the paper, using a level to keep the line vertical.

Starting at the top of the wall, make sure paper is flush to the ceiling. Even the smallest gap can get bigger as you continue matching the repeat around the room. Have the Zinsser Flexible Smoothing Tool at the ready to smooth each sheet as soon as it is hung.



The smoothing tool removes any wrinkles or small bubbles and presses seams together to avoid gaps. Start at the top of the paper. Work from the center to each edge, using vertical strokes so paper does not shift or tear. Wipe away any excess glue with warm water and a clean sponge.

The secret to wallpapering success is using the right tools. Trim excess paper top and bottom. Use the Zinsser Flexible Smoothing Tool as a straight edge. Trim the excess with the SoftGrip® Razor Knife or Zinsser Snap-Off Knife. Continue hanging each new sheet starting at the ceiling again, carefully matching the pattern and butting up seams.

ZINSSER FLEXIBLE SMOOTHING TOOL:

- Smooths wallpaper and borders.
- Guides corner trimming.
- Great as a paint shield.



Smoothing the wallpaper often pushes adhesive past the seam. Zinsser's durable Wall and Wallcovering Sponge is made especially to clean up this excess from wall surfaces, ceilings, and baseboards after smoothing and trimming.

WALL AND WALLCOVERING SPONGE:



- Super absorbent – picks up a lot of paste.
- Extremely durable.
- Easy to rinse.
- Contoured for easy grip.
- Safe for any surface.
- 8" long, 3" thick, 4.5" wide.

Congratulations!

TAKE A BOW! You and Zinsser turned your room from ordinary to extraordinary with the magic of wallpaper!



REFRESH

THE REST OF ROOM

To make your room decorator gorgeous, paint ceiling, trim, and walls that you do not intend to paper before wallpapering. Two specialty Zinsser paints offer fresh ideas!

ZINSSER CEILING PAINT – Paint And Primer In One

How do you paint a white ceiling white again and not miss a spot? Simple – choose Zinsser ceiling white. It goes on pink to enable total, flawless coverage. Dries to a bright white, stain-blocking sheen in an hour. Low VOC, advanced water base formula delivers high-hide, high performance. Paint & Primer In One offers one coat ease and “no spatter” formula. Ideal for kitchens, baths, laundry rooms, basements and closets where mold & mildew can grow. Zinsser has every ceiling covered.



WATERTITE®-LX LATEX-BASE PAINT

The ideal waterproof wall paint for a smooth, bright white finish. Tintable, low-odor formula can match any Zinsser custom color. Resists 20 lbs. of water pressure.

Only Watertite®-LX has:

- Mold & Mildew-Proof 10 Year Guarantee.
- 15 Year Waterproof Guarantee.
- Available in quart, 1 gallon, 3 gallon and 5 gallon sizes.



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