

## Wallpapering with paper wallpaper

1. Cut the paper wallpaper into lengths, taking into account alignment of the pattern, plus a few centimetres of excess at the top and bottom. Cut up to 10 lengths at a time. It's a good idea to mark the cut lengths with an up arrow on the back to make sure you get the wallpaper the right way up. Then apply copious amounts of paste to the back of the wallpaper. Make sure you apply paste all the way up to the edges. It's important to make sure you don't get any paste on the wallpapering table, otherwise it may end up on the front of the next length! Then turn the length towards the middle so that the short ends meet with the pasted sides facing inwards. Leave the wallpaper to expand for just over 5 minutes.



2. Start wallpapering at a window to avoid shadows at the joins. Wallpaper about half the room until you arrive at a door or corner. Then start again from the other side of the window and wallpaper the rest. Always place the lengths in order, including over windows and doors. When you arrive at switches and sockets, turn off the power and undo the sockets. Cut the wallpaper to fit while it's damp before putting switches and sockets back.

3. Fold out the upper half of the first length of wallpaper and hang it gently in position, a few centimetres above the cornice where you plan to cut the paper to fit. Check that the length is sitting straight using scissors hanging from a string, for example. Lift the wallpaper if it's not straight. Don't try to turn it.

4. Then fold out the lower half and attach it. Smooth the length using a brush in order to remove the air bubbles. Work from the middle of the wallpaper out towards the edges, and from ceiling to floor.

5. Cut the wallpaper cleanly at the skirting board and cornice. Replace your knife blades frequently as a blunt blade will tear your wallpaper. Immediately wipe away any paste on the front of the wallpaper using a sponge and clean water.

6. Put up the next length with a thread edge (approx. 2 mm overlap). Gaps may otherwise occur as the wallpaper will shrink slightly when it dries. Make sure you align the pattern correctly.

7. Lengths are cut lengthwise at corners. Paste and fold the pieces in the usual way. Allow the first part of the length to go 2 cm around the corner.

– Is it an inner corner?

Put up the other part of the length, overlapping all the way into the corner. Wipe away any excess paste using the sponge.

– Is it an outer corner?

Place the other part of the length approx. 5 mm across onto the next wall to prevent it being pulled up if anyone brushes against it (even if you don't align the pattern). Wipe away any excess paste using the sponge.

8. Air the room thoroughly. Wallpapers dry best at normal room temperature.