



HOUSE OF HACKNEY

TOOLS OF THE TRADE

Have on Hand

You'll need a brush, a roller and tray, a plumb line, a firm sponge, a kettle, a knife and an edge cutter. Oh, and a ladder. While that sounds like a lot, our wallpaper is very easy to hang once you have the right tools – simply follow along with the step-by-step guide and DIY will feel as easy as ABC.

Primer for Prepping

If you're working on a newly plastered wall, you'll need to seal the wall with primer to prevent the paste from being absorbed by the plaster, which will in turn cause the paper to shrink.

Paint for Prevention

It's a good idea to paint the wall in the same colour as the background of your wallpaper, as this will prevent any visible lines where the seams meet.

Paste for Application

Our favourites are the Beeline 'Yellow Top Wallcovering Adhesive' and Solvite's 'Paste the Wall'. Alternatively, you can use any water-based, pre-mixed paste that is good quality and suitable for the paste-the-wall application method.

Varnish for Caring

If you're wallpapering a bathroom or a very busy area in the house such as the entrance hall, we suggest applying two coats of decorator's varnish (we recommend Polyvine in 'Dead Flat', which has a matte finish) over the top using a short-flock roller, ensuring the wallpaper is dry first. As well as sealing the wallpaper, this will help to enhance its longevity, protecting against finger marks and scuffing.

Let's Not Forget

Some great tunes and your favourite cuppa. Now get rolling!