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HOW TO REMOVE WALLPAPER

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WHAT YOU'LL NEED

Take this into store with you to make sure you get everything in one trip. For this project the following materials and equipment are required:

MATERIALS:

- Rubbish sacks

TOOLS:

- Spatula, 1 x small, 1 x large (with rounded corners)
- Bucket
- Sponge
- Drop cloths
- Masking tape
- Weed sprayer
- Utility knife
- Ladders

Mitre 10 Handy Hints:

- If there is a lot of gouge marks and scratches on the wallboard from the removal process, then you may want to hire a Gib stopper to skim the wall.





There are a lot of walls out there covered with ugly old wallpaper that, quite frankly, needs to go. Getting rid of it can instantly update the look of your room. I'll show you how to remove it yourself, so you can give the walls a paint and stop your place looking like a time-warp.

HOW TO

- To prep the room before removing wallpaper, tape a plastic drop sheet to the floor and tape over power points.
- When removing wallpaper the first thing you should do is try to remove the paper without any water or stripper. If the paper peels off easily then continue until it's all removed. If the wallpaper is very difficult to remove then fill up your weed sprayer and spray the walls with hot water.
- Once you have gone around the room try to remove the paper. Start at a top corner and peel away slowly. Use the spatula to help assist the paper removal. If it is not coming off very easy then you may have to spray the walls again.
- In some situations there may be a backing paper glued to the wallboard under the wallpaper, so repeat the same process by wetting and pull off.
- Ensure to not gouge out the wallboard. You do not want to remove any of the surface paper of the plasterboard as this will compromise the structural integrity of the board.
- If you find that hot water is not doing the job then you could try using a wallpaper scour to puncture the face of the wallpaper so the hot water can penetrate through to the wallboard.
- In some situations it may be easier to use a wallpaper steamer combined with a scour. Place the steamer on the wall for a few seconds and peel off with the spatula. Ensure not to leave steamer on the wall for too long, as you don't want to soften the wallboard cover paper.
- Wallpaper stripper can also be used if some areas are very difficult, alternatively you can use fabric softener in a bucket of hot water. Once all the paper has been removed, use a sponge with warm water to remove the wallpaper adhesive residue from the wall.
- Use an orbital sander to smooth off the face of the wallboard, then seal the walls with pigmented sealer prior to stopping.

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