

Decorator's Notebook

Great Wallpaper Projects Start With Prep

(NAPSA)—Wallpaper has emerged as one of this season's hottest decorating trends. And it's easier to hang than you think!

The key to successful wallpapering is preparation. Just follow these simple steps for an easy, beautiful wallpaper job:

Select your wallpaper. Wallpaper is available in a wide variety of styles and colors—from elegant to whimsical. Your paint and decorating store or home center has a wide selection of patterns from which to choose. Or check out wallpaper manufacturer Web sites for the latest styles and trends.

Clear the room. Move furniture away from walls and set up a large table to work on. Be sure to protect the carpet and furniture from adhesive splatters and spills by laying down drop cloths.

Clean the walls. Remove dirt, grime, grease, old wallpaper adhesive and any other contaminants that may interfere with adhesion with a simple ammonia-and-water or soap-and-water solution. Rinse clean and allow to dry. If there is existing wallpaper, remove it by scoring the wall with a PaperTiger® Scoring tool and applying a wallpaper stripper like DIF® Wallpaper Stripper. Available in concentrate and ready-to-use gel and fast-acting liquid formulas, DIF penetrates with special enzymes and wetting agents that loosen any type of wallpaper and dissolve old glue regardless of the surface it is on.

Prepare the surface. Wallpa-



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per needs a smooth, sealed surface to look its best, so before you hang your wallpaper, apply a coat of wall-covering primer, like SHIELDZ® Universal Wallcovering Primer.

SHIELDZ seals the surface and hides previous colors in one coat, creating the perfect surface for hanging wallpaper. Priming also makes wallpaper easier to position, improves its adhesion, and makes it easier to remove at redecorating time. Plus, SHIELDZ protects against the growth of mold and mildew under the wallpaper, so it is great for bathrooms, kitchens, laundry rooms and other high-humidity areas of the home.

You're ready to hang! Simply follow the wallpaper manufacturer's hanging instructions and before you know it, you'll have a beautiful room that reflects your personality and style.

For more tips on making wallpaper hanging easy—or advice on other home improvement projects—visit www.zinsser.com or call 732-469-8100.