# REMOVABLE WALLPAPER INSTALLATION GUIDE\*





Read this guide carefully before you start installing your removable wallpaper. If you are unsure of any of the steps, please don't hesitate to contact our customer care team at service.commercial@centrepompidou.fr.

### WALL PREPARATION

### **General rules**

Before you begin, make sure your wall surface is smooth, clean and dry. The canvas will not stick if the surface is grainy or textured.

Remove any old wallpaper. Clean the surface of the wall, patch the holes if necessary and sand any roughness. If the patched surfaces are large, it is necessary to paint them before the installation to make sure the material will stick.

If you are sanding the wall, wipe the wall well first with a dry cloth, then with a slightly damp cloth, to make sure there is no dust left on the surface and allow it to dry for a few hours.

Remove any hooks, light fixtures, outlet plates or any other obstacles.

### Installation on a painted wall

If the wall is already painted, just check that it is smooth. If necessary, seal, sand and clean. It is preferable to install the mural on a white or light uniform color wall as the canvas material may be slightly transparent in the lighter areas.

Do not install the mural on flaking paint. If this is the case, some particles will be torn off during the installation of the mural and this could create some bumps under the canvas. If necessary repaint the wall: apply a primer or white acrylic paint and allow it to dry before the installation. The surface should be free from contaminants such as dirt, dust, grease, mildew, ink strains; any of these can prevent proper adhesion.

### Installation on a non-porous surface

(glass, plastic, laminate) No preparation is needed.

### Installation on a porous surface

(plaster, cement, coating, plasterboard not printed)
Ensure old plaster is stable and free of mold. Ensure
new plaster is completely dry. Apply a primer or white
acrylic paint to the surface and allow it to dry before the
installation. If you have removed old wallpaper, make sure
that the wall is well painted before hanging.

### **IMPORTANT**

- We recommend waiting at least 30 days before installing a removable wallpaper on a freshly painted surface. Otherwise bubbles may appear due to the off-gassing of the paint. Do not use water to clean your wall just before the installation.
- Do not install in very humid places or above a chimney.

Scissors

Stepladder

# Upholsterer ruler Measuring tape or ruler Cutter Spirit level

Tape

soft squeegee

Pencil

<sup>\*</sup> The installation of the removable wallpaper must comply with the instructions described in this document for the product to be covered by the manufacturer's warranty.

<sup>\*\*</sup> This tools are not sold with your order.

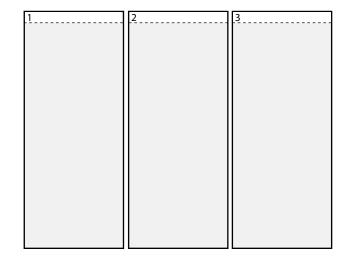
### Step 1: GETTING READY

### 1. LAY OUT THE PANELS

Take your removable wallpaper out of its shipping package. Unroll the removable wallpaper and separate each panel. Your removable wallpaper is printed on pieces numbered at the top **in hanging order from left to right**.

Before installing the removable wallpaper, make sure that you have all the pieces and that none are damaged. Lay the panels flat on the floor next to each other in order to check the image match. If you notice any inconsistencies within the print, please do not install. Our customer service can assist you with any problems.

The removable wallpaper comes with backing paper, which protects the adhesive. Keep this backing paper on for now. You will peel it off later during the installation process.



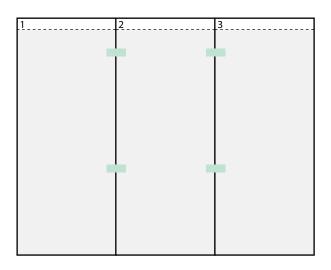
### TIPS:

• Let your unrolled panels lie flat for an hour. This will allow the material to adjust to room temperature and ensure the best installation.

### • Measure and mark your guideline

Once you have unrolled your panels on the floor, use your masking tape to create some markers that will help you align the image from one panel to the next during the installation. It is easier to do this preparation step flat on the ground rather than standing on a stepladder!

- Align each panel with the next one while keeping the overlap. The image must be perfectly continuous from one panel to another.
- Stick a piece of masking tape of about 5 cm straddling the joint.
- Cut the tape with a cutter very carefully without pressing at the joint of the two panels. When you'll install the panels, the markers will have to align perfectly.

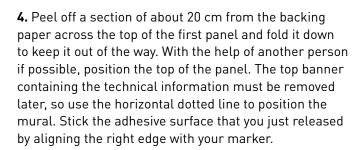


### **Step 2: HANG THE FIRST PANEL**

2. Remember that the success of the installation will depend on properly placing the first panel. Measure the width of the first panel and measure the position of your starting point from the left side of the wall.

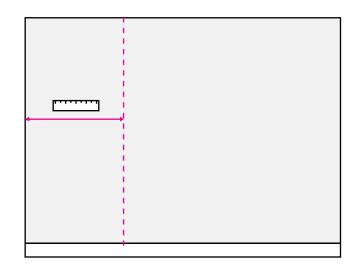
PLEASE NOTE: When placing your order you might have added a few centimeters to your dimensions to compensate for potential wall imperfections. These potential surpluses must be taken into account during the positioning of this first panel.

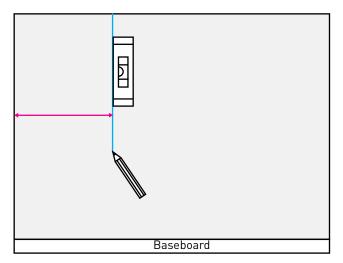
**3.** Using a spirit level or plumb line and a pencil, **draw on** the wall a vertical line corresponding to the right edge of the first strip. This will ensure that the first strip is laid straight. Make sure the markings are faint so they don't show through the wallpaper.

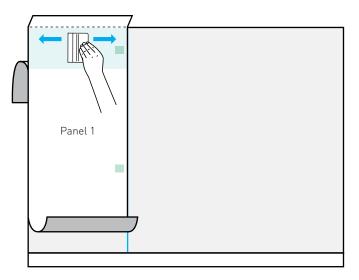


### **IMPORTANT:**

- If you wish you can cut the top banner containing the technical information before starting the installation.
- Do not pull on or stretch the material during installation. Work from top to bottom and allow the canvas to fall naturally, taking particular care to avoid scuffing or scratching the printed surface with your squeegee.
- Do not peel off the entire backing paper all at once.
- Try not to let the adhesive come together, or let the material fold up against itself. If it does, separate it by carefully pulling it apart taking care not to damage the printed area. Even if the fabric was wrinkled by accident, the folds should disappear after you have smoothed it out.







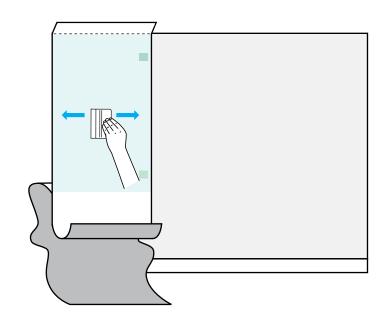
**5.** Slowly peel off the backing paper downwards in small increments while stretching the canvas.

Press lightly with your hand first to wedge the canvas in the right place, then using a squeegee, carefully smooth all wrinkles and bubbles outward, until they are removed. Do not use pressure to avoid any scratches. Simple light strokes work best.

If wrinkles or bubbles appear, simply peel back the panel and reapply that section.

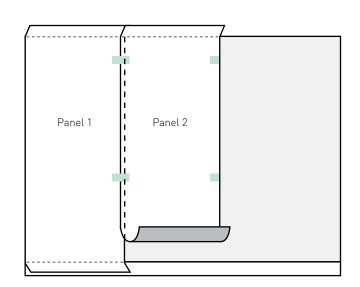
Then, continue to slowly peel off the rest of the panel by gradually and evenly pulling down the liner paper, a few inches at a time, pressing and smoothing as you go.

Once the process is started it can be easier if another person holds the bottom and pulls down slightly giving some tension, keeping it square and straight, until the removable wallpaper has been fully installed. Then trim excess material, if necessary. For example you can work in 20 cm increments.



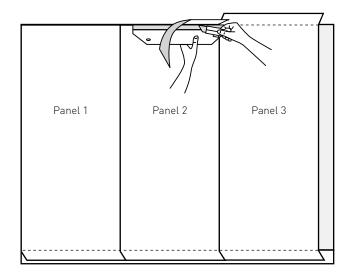
## Step 3 : HANG THE ADDITIONAL PANELS

**6.** If your removable wallpaper comes in several panels, your removable wallpaper is printed with 2 cm overlaps between each panel. Position the next panel using the masking tape markers. Verify the alignment of the image at the edge of each panel. Adjust the position until the pattern matches perfectly. Follow **step 4** above to install the rest of the second panel. Then repeat the same process to install all additional panels.



### Step 4 : TRIM OVERAGE

7. If the removable wallpaper is larger than the wall surface, cut along the corners or edges of the wall using a cutter and a straight edge as a guide. Always place the cutter on the printed side of the canvas and use a ruler. Start trimming at the top, then at the bottom, then each side.



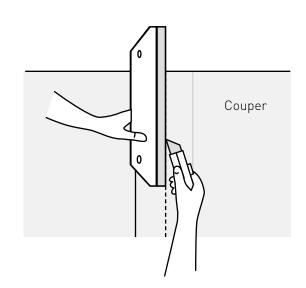
8. Eliminate excess overlap. Removable wallpapers are printed with a 2 cm overlap intentionally to be double cut. Place your straight edge vertically in the center of the overlap and cut through both layers of material using a cutter. It is important to cut continuously to have a perfect joint. To do this, make long cuts, without lifting the blade and move the straight edge as you go.

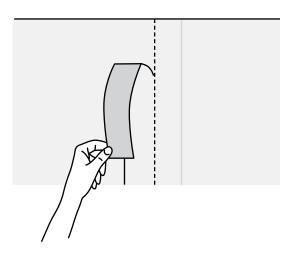
NOTE: If the excess overlaps are invisible and you are satisfied with the look, you are not required to remove the surplus.

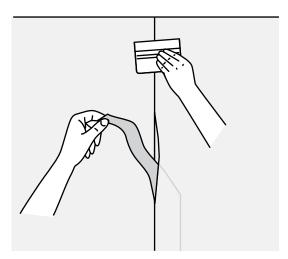
9. Once you have cut the entire length, remove the excess tape from the top layer.

10. Then gently lift the overlapping section of the right panel to remove the strip of canvas from below. Press the joint between the two panels with a squeegee for a perfect finish.

Repeat this process for each panel.







**CONGRATULATIONS! THE INSTALLATION IS COMPLETED.** 

### REMOVABLE WALLPAPER MAINTENANCE & CARE

Always clean from the outside inward to avoid spreading the stain.

Remove any dirt as quickly as possible.

Clean wet stains by removing as much as possible with absorbent material.

If a stain persists, you can use a soft cloth dampened with soapy water or dishwashing liquid. Rub gently to avoid damaging the inks. Remove excess liquid with a damp cloth without cleaning products, then dry by dabbing with a dry cloth.

Never use solvents (acetone, white spirit, etc.).

### HOW TO REMOVE THE REMOVABLE WALLPAPER FROM THE WALL

Peel off a corner at the top, then slowly and smoothly pull the canvas from the wall. To avoid damaging the wall during removal, keep the strip of peeled canvas as flat as possible and parallel to the wall.

If you want to install the removable wallpaper in another location or store it, we strongly recommend that you keep the backing paper (waxed paper), so that you can reapply the removable wallpaper. It will protect the adhesive side.



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