

Borders are available in as many styles, colors and patterns as other wallcoverings. They are also popular with people who are hanging wall-coverings for the first time.

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Border lines bloom

ORDERS, THOSE narrow strips of walkovering used along the ceiling line, as a chair rail, or around windows and doors, add visual excitement to the dullest of rooms. They can be used alone or in conjunction with other walkoverings.

Borders are available in many styles, colors, and patterns and can be applied with other wallcoverings or over painted walls.

Because borders are so easy to work with, says the Wallcovering Information Bureau, they are extremely popular as the initial doit-yourself wallcovering experience.

Borders also aid in disguising architectural flaws. For example, an unusually high ceiling can be lowered visually by applying a border just below the ceiling line. A border placed at chair rail height can make a plain room prettier.

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Or position a border above or below an existing chair rail for an interesting effect.
To give walls a dimensional look, apply wallcovering borders to a one and one-half inch board and attach to the wall

WINDOWS AND DOORS also become points of interest when framed by borders in attractive colors and patterns. Because they lead the eye around the wall, borders are an easy way to visually tie a room together.

Fireplaces and mantles can also be customized by applying borders around their perimeters. And the often-overlooked area around a kitchen countertop can benefit from the addition of a bright border in a cherry print.

Borders can also trim window shades, waste baskets and shelves to coordinate them with the decor. And borders can help accent stairways, dormers and headboards.

Decorating with borders is as simple as it is fun. Just measure the room, cut the border and apply it.

If applying a border at ceiling height, for instance, measure the perimeter of the room allowing a little extra to compensate for matching patterns or out of plumb walls.

BORDER AROUND windows and doors by overlapping the corners or mitering them. To miter, overlap the ends of the wallcovering border at the corner and make a 45-degree angle cut in line with the corner of the door.

Visually heighten doors and windows by overlapping the vertical border over the horizontal border. To widen, reverse the overlap.

Many borders are prepasted for ease of installation and no-mess cleanups. Simply dip them in water and apply. Be sure to follow the manufacturer's instructions.

To learn more about all types of wall-coverings, write for a free copy of "The Wallcovering How-To Handbook" to WIB. Dept. HP, 66 Morris Ave., Springfield, NJ. 07081.



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