# Wallcovering made easy

The new generation of fabric - back-ed wall coverings and quality adhe-sives makes walloapering easier than ever — especially with a little plan-ning and following tested directions

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Today's do - it - yourselfer on his or her first venture at redoing a room will work faster because of corporners in backings and adhesives, according to home improvement at the painting to the paintin

sors.

They advise that the attractiveness of many new patterns now on the market can be spoiled by using the wrong adhesive or skipping steps in preparing walls or hanging the cov-

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Labor saving is also part of the
wallcovering scene today because in
some cases the sixing operation is
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climinated by using non - staining
paste or pre - sized wheat paste.
They also recommend some simpl
steps in preparing the wall, cutting
the covering, hanging, and finishing to
insure the completed walls will pro-

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vide a room you'll be proud to show.

Even the elegant and expensive wallcovering can be spoiled if the the wall being changed has old paint and expensive wall covering can be spoiled if the the paper remaining that will fact red or if rough areas will be noticeable. So take time to remove dupont over rough areas. Use wall see also the first cost in pere. When applying vinty wall-covering, dilute the viny! and subset of the covering was a sizing agent. Now that you have the walls smooth, accumulated all the necessary tools, measured the height of the wall and selected the proper adhesive, you're ready to unroll the covering. A large enough table will be needed so you can lady the covering face up, to measure the amount needed, plus six inches, that will cover a strip of wall from ceiling to basebbard. The additional inches will give you an allowance for trim.

Then lay the second strip next to the first, match the pattern and cut he same length. By laying the second strip on top of the first and continuing to match and cut strips in the same manner, the cutting paperation can be completed quickly. You'll want to start at a doorway or

corner, but since they are seldom ex-actly straight, drop a veighted plumb-line with chalked string from the cell-ing. When it hangs down it establishes a perfectly vertical line. Hold the-string taulty and snap the chalked string against the wall, to give you a good vertical line for aligning your first strip of covering. Now back to the covering you've cut, take a strip at a time, turn it over and apply adhesive evenly, from the center toward the bottom. Leave a one - inch strip unpaste for easy

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a one - inch strip unpastel for easy handling. Allow about three iminutes for the covering to expand, then fold the bot-tom half toward the center, paste to paste, without creasing the covering. Stop short of the center and align the edges.

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upper section a couple of strokes with your smoothing brush.

Always brush from the center to the edges to get rid of air bubbles. Trim off excess covering at the baseboard and ceiling and remove any extra

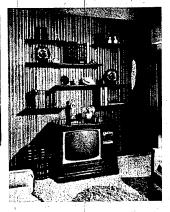
when hanging other strips, use the completed strip as a guide, matching the pattern and butting— not over lapping—the seams. The peat the smoothing procedure, then foll the seam with the seam poller. For flocked or embossed covering, done use the roller. Instead, tap along the seams with tips of smoothing brush bristles.

As you complete each strip remove excess paste. With quality adhesives, adamp songe is all that is needed. For corners, measure from the last strip to the corner at ceiling level, midpoint and baseboard. Add a half inch to the width, cut a strip to the desired size and hang in the usual way. It will overlap the corner by the extra half inch you measured.

Snap a plumb chalkline over the overlay for use as a guide in hanging the first strip on the next wall. Thus, you'll have a true vertical, even if the corner is not perfectly straight.



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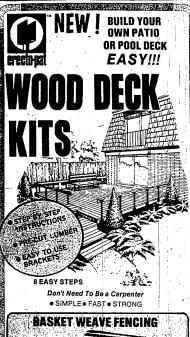
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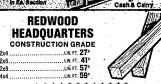
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