

Avoid Getting Hung Up On Wallpaper

Papered appropriately, a wall can enthrall. More and more Americans today are beautifying the interiors of their homes by putting up their own wall-covering. Try these techniques and, with a little experience, you may come to be known as almost a "pro!"

Once you get the hang of it, your paperhanging will begin with the ceiling. At present we will assume you are a novice, and two of you are working together as a team.

The all-important positioning of the strips on the wall is done more readily when one person is on a stepladder at the ceiling, and the other hands him

the shorter end of the folded strip -- the top -- and then unfolds the lower half gradually so that it follows the vertical guide line. The line is needed only for the first strip and should be a plumb line made with attached string and chalk. Thereafter, the strips will be pasted and will be slid carefully towards the preceding strip for matching.

ALLOW AN EXTRA inch or two at the top and bottom of each strip. Papers can be stretched slightly when wet, but you don't want any of the wall to show.

After the strip is in place, take the smoothing

brush and work out any wrinkles and excess paste, brushing the paper gently but firmly from the center towards the edge.

Trim the top and bottom of the strip while still wet. If necessary, add more paste, and press the edges back in place with a soft cloth. Sponge off all surface paste with clear water after hanging each strip.

Finally, accept the fact that some area in any room is going to be mismatched. Before you proceed too far, select the least noticeable place for the mismatch to occur. It could be a spot over a door, or behind a window curtain, a bookcase or a

large picture. Work from both sides of your starting point towards that area.

GLOOM IN A ROOM needn't be put up with if you apply appealing paper or other material. Living rooms, kitchens and bedrooms illustrate the inside story.

If you have the space, a parlor-type living room is delightful. The word "parlor" suggests the Victorian era, and for anyone who likes a nostalgic atmosphere, this is still the easiest period to simulate, besides being the most amusing, if done a bit tongue-in-cheek.

A more elegant version of the front parlor is a



"drawing room." But here, quality is essential, and professional help is advised, especially since many of the materials required to do a French or English drawing room will probably have to be bought through a decorator.

A good floor plan is imperative. Students of interior design cut out small shapes of cardboard to represent pieces of furniture and move them around on a drawing which corresponds to an actual room.

"Illusion," which figures through the history of wallcovering, may be just the clue you need for rearranging your belongings and giving them a new background.

Illusion is often the theory behind covering walls with wallcovering pattern to hide architectural defects or abused surfaces. A good thorough patch job, covered with an all-over wallcovering design, and the crannies, cracks and niches that weren't desirable, are lost in a fresh illusion of smooth beauty.

ILLUSION WORKS in the kitchen too, in a totally different way. Is your kitchen furnished with white, white, white enamel everywhere? Create an illusion of color by selecting a wallcovering with as much color as you like on a white ground. Pick up one of the colors in greater strength with vinyl or linoleum flooring or kitchen carpeting. Whether the motif is floral or geometric, don't be afraid to use it on the ceiling, instead of a coat of paint. The effect is delightfully interesting and seldom too much, as cabinets generally cover most wall space.

If wall space is limited, try bright borders for distraction. These are available in all styles and price ranges. Be guided primarily by appropriate designs, leaving festoons and draperies for the living or dining room.

In wallcovering the kitchen, one of the most important elements to be regarded is washability. Many wallcoverings are

ceiling with matching fabrics.

The principal factor in a room that indicates a girl's or boy's age is the wall-covering. Frequently over the years, it should also reflect his or her changing taste. Children outgrow a background as they do their clothes. Happily, by the time they are teenagers, they should be able to select their own patterns and, what's more, apply them. Prepastored, pre-trimmed wallcoverings as well as strippables should

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Storage Bonus

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