

DROPS

MEASURE, FIT & MAINTAIN

MEASURE UP

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YOUR WALL

Your wallpaper will be printed with a little extra image all the way around the sides which gives you a little breathing space. This ensures you can trim your wallpaper to a perfect finish.

MEASURING WIDTH

Measure the horizontal distance from corner to corner.

MEASURING HEIGHT

Measure the vertical height at each corner as walls are never perfectly square. If different, select the greater of the two height measurements.

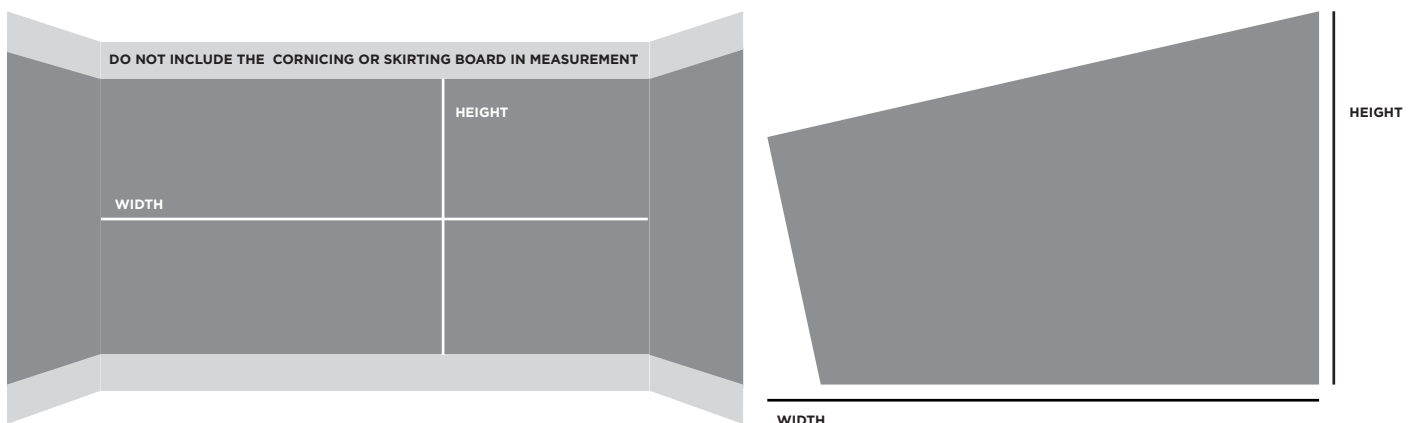
Most designs are pretty flexible and trimming the excess normally does not affect the overall look.

Please be sure to use a tape measure. Do not use a ruler or a set square where you have to add up measurements to give you a final size; this is a really common way in which mistakes are made.

ALLOWING FOR IRREGULAR SHAPED WALLS

Some of the best walls are the ones that are made to fit a more unusual space so don't be put off if you have a sloping side here or there. Just measure to the widest and highest points to create a wall that will fit into your space. You can trim and cut a sloping ceiling as easily as you can trim a standard edge. Just remember to consider what you will be cutting away when you are cropping the image during your purchase. If you're unsure, get in touch with your wall dimensions and we'll take it from there.

If you're struggling to measure your wall or if you're worried you haven't done it correctly then use the guides below or contact us directly for more assistance.



GET FITTING

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BEFORE STARTING

You will need to make sure you have a few things, including your wallpaper. So firstly make sure that your image is intact and has not been damaged in transit. After that, get prepared paste ready. We have found that using **Murabond** Primer and Adhesives achieves the results but please be sure to follow the instructions on the tub. Lastly, make sure you hang on to all your documentation should you need it in the future.

Next prepare the right environment. Ensure you have adequate lighting so you can inspect the material properly while you are hanging it. Don't let the room get too cold, the temperature in your hanging area should be at least 12°C (55°F) - any lower than this can stop the adhesive drying, resulting in bubbling and bond failure. Finally, be sure that there is good ventilation in the room you are working in.

Don't panic or rush while hanging your image. The wallpaper is repositionable while the paste is wet, so if a drop becomes slightly out of place or there is a mismatch you can sort it out immediately. If there is a problem with the image or you don't think you can achieve your creative vision, stop and contact Drops.

SURFACE PREPARATION

Brush off the area to be covered with a stiff bristle brush to remove all dirt and loose material. Once you've dealt with that, you may find some surface marks or contamination - these should be removed using a detergent solution. Any mould or algae on the surface should be treated with a fungicidal wash following the instructions on the product. If you have removed marks or mould, please make sure you allow your wall to dry thoroughly before applying the image.

Any more serious wall defects like holes or cracks in the surface should be filled with good quality fillers, smoothed out and allowed to dry. All surfaces should be "dry in depth". A dry surface is the right surface so if you have to make repairs, be patient and let them thoroughly dry.

THE ADHESIVE SYSTEM

- **Uncoated absorbent surfaces, e.g. Plaster, Plasterboard:** Apply one coat of Murabond Primer, diluted 1 part primer to 3 parts clean water. Allow to dry thoroughly.
- **Coated absorbent surfaces:** *[IMPORTANT: Multi-coats may impair the porosity of the surface and affect adhesion. If you are in any doubt whatsoever, or an oil-based paint has been as part of the surface coating, please contact Drops before applying your adhesive.]* Only move on if you are confident you have correctly identified the surface type you are installing your image to. If you're happy to proceed, apply one coat of Murabond primer - 1 part primer to 1 part clean water. Allow to dry thoroughly.
- **Murabond Heavy adhesive:** for uncoated plaster, emulsion paint (*not multi-coated emulsion or emulsion having solvent based paint as part of the system*).
- **Murabond Easy-trip:** uncoated plasterboards or plasterboards coated with an absorbent primer.
- **Murabond Sealed Surface Adhesive - non-absorbent surfaces:** solvent based paint e.g. Gloss and Eggshell, Plasterboard Sealers and Laminates.

IMPORTANT: If the surface is cement or concrete or is unstable in any way it will need sealing with a solvent based "alkali resting primer sealer" (allowing 48 hours to fully dry). By using solvent based paint you may be required to carry out a risk assessment and follow all relevant C.O.S.H.H precautions. Any filled, patched or absorbent areas should be made smooth and equalised in colour and absorbency with a similar pigmented oil-based paint.

Murabond Sealed Surface Adhesive should be applied to the wall, covering the wall area for one drop at a time, this gives the adhesive enough open time for you to work with it.

Contact Drops if you are not confident with any aspect.

HANGING THE IMAGE

Apply the appropriate adhesive to the surface to be decorated using a synthetic medium-pile paint roller. Only paste up for one drop at a time and avoid getting adhesive in the tram line areas, until you're ready to cut the joint.

When you're ready, use a soft spatula or a PTFE spatula to apply the image to the prepared surface, using a smooth up and down motion. Take care not to get the adhesive on the face of the image.

Let the image settle for about 15 minutes before trimming the top and bottom. You can, if required, seam roll the joins using a small soft rubber roller along the join. But go easy with the roller, as overworking the join could cause the edges to become flattened or polished.

Get your next drop ready and butt up to the previous one to match the design.

ADHESIVE CONTAMINATION

Ideally do not get any adhesive on the face of the wall-covering, as complete removal may be impossible. However, should this happen, do not rub or wipe the wallpaper. Instead, use a clean damp sponge with a 'blotting action' only, repeat this process frequently rinsing out the sponge, until you have removed the adhesive.

STRIPPING - REMOVAL OF THE IMAGE

Digital Images (Digimura) can be removed dry without causing damage to the wall surface (assuming that the wall surface is stable or has been made stable prior to application).

You may find, however, that the non-woven backing splits as you take down the image, and part of the backer gets left behind on the surface. This is not a problem, it can be easily removed by soaking with warm water mixed with a mild household detergent and gently working the old backer off the surface with a wall-covering stripping knife.

If you have any problems hanging or removing your image or you are unsure how you should proceed in any way - please call Drops for further assistance.

LOOK AFTER YOUR IMAGE

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We have carefully chosen the materials that we use to ensure that your Drops wallpaper stays looking good for many years. Every wallpaper is wipeable. A good installation is key when looking at the life of one of our wallpapers. Ensure that you've read our installation guide before attempting the installation. Remember to use plenty of paste and go right to the edge of the wall.

WIPE - If your wall gets a little dirty just use a damp (not wet) none-abrasive cloth to gently wipe away dirt and marks. Don't rub too hard and take your time, but do not worry too much as the surface will take a lot more wear than you think. The inks we use cure with UV light and that gives the image a really tough finish.

STICK - If an edge comes up because there was not enough paste used do not worry, you can stick it down again. Use a little paste on your finger and wipe it under the edge. **DO NOT LIFT THE EDGE TO DO THIS** - just wipe it into place making sure it goes under the the area that has lifted, wait for a couple of minutes **BEFORE** sticking it back down, then smooth it down with a seam roller and wipe away the excess paste with a damp cloth.