

# HP PVC-Free Wallpaper - Installation Techniques

## Wall Preparation

The wall must be clean, smooth and dry before applying wallpaper. Sand back any imperfections and apply a coat of wallpaper size (available from most home décor and hardware stores). Sizing the wall will help ensure long lasting adhesion but is not essential for shorter term applications.

Avoid applying directly to walls painted with wash-n-wear coatings or in areas subject to high humidity which may affect the adhesion of the wallpaper.

## Printing

Print using HP Latex printers or UV curable printers only. HP PVC-Free wallpaper is not compatible with Solvent, Eco-solvent or Water-based printers.

HP PVC-Free wallpaper will expand when wet during the application process. If accurate drop widths are required, reduce the tile size by approximately 1.5% and print/apply a test strip to ensure accurate dimensions.

Set up your file with a 10mm overlap between drops to allow for accurate registration and trimming.

## Application

Where possible, use a trough filled with clean cold water. Loosely roll each drop with adhesive side out and immerse for approximately 10 seconds. Remove from water and lay face down for approximately 1 minute before applying to wall. For wider drops where a trough is not available, lay the wallpaper face down and apply water liberally to adhesive side with a spray bottle. Allow to sit for 1 minute before applying.

Apply the graphic to the wall by first aligning it to desired position. Smooth out the wallpaper using a wide squeegee or wallpaper smoother (available from most home décor and hardware stores). Avoid pressing your fingers into the surface or using excessive force with squeegee as this will make indentations or force the adhesive out the sides of the wallpaper.

It is important to squeegee out all air bubbles but do not overwork the application. Do not be alarmed if further bubbles form shortly after application, or if there are ripples in the surface when the wallpaper is still wet. Smooth out severe bubbles and ripples with your squeegee, the rest will smooth out and disappear when the wallpaper dries overnight.

Avoid trimming until the wallpaper is dry and then use a new sharp blade to carefully trim. Trimming when wet may result in the graphic surface catching and tearing, even with the sharpest blade.

## Clean-up

It is normal for some adhesive to leak out the sides of the drops during application. These can be wiped away using a damp sponge or cloth.

## Removal

Remove HP PVC-Free wallpaper by wetting with either a damp sponge or spray bottle. Wallpaper removal scouring tools are not normally required. Allow approximately 5 minutes for water to soak through to the adhesive and then peel the wallpaper off the wall. Some traces of adhesive will be left on the wall which can be wiped away using a damp sponge.

## Coating and Laminates

HP PVC-Wallpaper does not normally require any surface coatings or laminates. If additional durability is required, a clear coating can be applied, however this will affect the future removability of the product and void fire rating and product warranties. Please contact Jenrite for further information on suitable coatings.