Wallpaper Prep & Supply Checklist

Your step-by-step guide to a flawless, seamless wall covering installation.

Master the hidden steps of high-end wall covering with proper preparation and the exact professional tools. This checklist guarantees your next project looks absolutely flawless.



Key Installation Specs

Min 2 hours
Clear acrylic sizing drying time

2 inches
Painted seam stripe width

3/8 inch
Nap roller for paste-the-wall prep

About 15 mins
Wait time before wooden seam roller

Up to 1/32 inch
Natural paper shrinkage to camouflage

68-72 °F
Stable room temperature for curing

48 hours
Wait before reinstalling outlet covers

Protect Your Ink

Never substitute a cheap plastic roller for a solid wooden one on luxury matte coverings. Hard plastic tools easily leave permanent shiny tracks down seams.

Preparation Sequence

1. **Sand and clean** Sand existing wall texture completely smooth and wipe away all residual drywall dust.
2. **Protect floors** Tape down a heavy-duty canvas drop cloth tightly against baseboards before opening liquids.
3. **Apply clear size** Create a unified slightly glossy surface giving panels slip and protecting your drywall.
4. **Camouflage seams** Paint a vertical stripe exactly where next panels meet to hide natural shrinkage.
5. **Apply the paste** Roll clear adhesive generously in the center, feathering lightly near your painted seam.

Primer Layer Check

Find your row: **Primed wall surface condition**

Primed wall surface condition	Your pick	Why
Uniform slight sheen	Perfectly sealed	Proceed to camouflage
Chalky or dull patches	Uneven absorption	Apply second size coat
Tacky to the touch	Incomplete curing	Wait one more hour

Pre-Installation Checks

- ◯ Verify your first plumb line with a laser level.
- ◯ Inspect primed walls closely under a bright work light.
- ◯ Remove all outlet covers and switch plates before starting.
- ◯ Match wallpaper background color to custom-tint your eggshell paint.

Professional Supply Checklist

- ☐ Clear acrylic size
- ☐ Custom-tinted eggshell paint
- ☐ Nap roller
- ☐ Heavy-duty clear adhesive
- ☐ Wooden seam roller
- ☐ Flexible plastic smoothing tool
- ☐ Snap-blade knife with extra blades
- ☐ Slightly damp microfiber sponge

Project Notes

Enjoy your beautifully transformed living space and the flawless finish you created!