How to Hang a Wall Mural

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Tools You Will Need

For preparing your walls:

Wall Filler

Sandpaper

For installing the mural:

SFE Trimmer and or, wallpaper Scissors
To cut the paper

Wallpaper paste

Bucket
To mix the paste in

Plumb line or spirit level

Tape measure

Paint brush or roller and Roller tray
For applying the Paste

Wallpaper brush or smoother
For ensuring paper is stuck Down

Seam roller
To ensure seams are level

Clean damp cloth
To clean off any paste on wallpaper surface or smooth seams

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Step 1: Prepare your wall

1 Fill and sand any cracks or imperfections on your wall.

Clean the wall with detergent or sugar soap.

2 On fresh plaster, "size" the wall – this means make up a diluted solution of paste and liberally apply to the walls being decorated and let it dry. This will be absorbed into the porous plaster and will stop the paste being absorbed when it is applied.

3 When ready to start hanging your Mural, be prepared to continue until all 'drops' are hung, avoiding long periods between hanging each strip. Work from left to right.

Step 2: Measure and plan where to start

1 The first strip of the Mural is key as all others will align to it, so it is important to ensure it is "plumb" otherwise your Mural could look wonky.

2 Measure 48cm out from your starting point and make a pencil mark.

3 Using this mark, draw a plumb line using either a plumb-bob or spirit level. A plumb line is a vertical straight line, from which you will hang the first strip of your Mural against and ensure it hangs straight down.

The position of the first strip determines the overall look of the completed mural, so take your time to place it accurately.

Top Tip
The reason for this is that a 'drop' of the Mural is 50cm wide. It means that the last strip you hang will go into the corner. If the wall is wonky or out, you can trim it in the corner and it won't be obvious.

1 ROLL - 6 STRIPS (1 MURAL)

3m/10'(Approx.)

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2.8m/9'(Approx.)

0.5m/1'6"(Approx.)

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Step 3: Apply the mural to the wall

1. When ready to start hanging your paper, be prepared to continue until all lengths are hung, avoid long periods between hanging each strip. Work from left to right.

2. First trim off the hanging instructions, keeping nearby for reference.

3. Cut the first length of your mural from the roll.

4. Apply paste the wall wallpaper adhesive to the wall, covering enough area for the first length and a little extra, this will help when hanging your next length.

5. Apply the first length to the wall, lining up to your plumb line / straight edge. Use a soft cloth or wallpaper smoother to gently work out any large air pockets downwards and outwards. Take care not to overwork each strip as this could result in stretching, making it harder to line up following lengths.
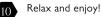
6. Carefully remove any excess paste from the front of the mural using a lightly dampened cloth. Too much rubbing or cleaning may remove ink from the paper.

7. Repeat steps 4 to 7 for the remaining lengths of your wall mural, lining up the design and tightly butting up each join so that no gaps can be seen. Be careful not to overlap the lengths.

8. Trim any excess edges carefully after applying the paper.

9. When all the strips of the mural have been hung, remove any excess wallpaper paste from the wall with a damp cloth.

10. Relax and enjoy!

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Take care not to overwork each 'drop' as this could result in stretching, making it harder to line up following 'drop'.