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This Issue:

A Simple Start to Finish Wallpaper Removing Recipe

For the surest and fastest results:

- 1) Put drop clothes on the floor. Leave no spot uncovered. This will get sloppy.
- 2) Wear rubber gloves. Plastic gloves will eventually rip.
- 3) Use a clothes steamer or rent a professional steamer (or call in professionals).
- 4) Steam a 4' x 4' section of the wall at a time, starting at the top.
- 5) Run a "Paper Tiger" or other scoring tools across the working damp section. Use it carefully.
- 6) Steam the section again to get under the scored (etched) wallpaper.
- 7) If it remains stubborn, spray the working section with a fabric softener and hot water.
- 8) Score the section with the paper tiger again. Steam again.
- 9) Mop up any water immediately.
- 10) Remove any curling edges (sometimes large areas peel off).
- 11) Scrape with a six inch wide, stainless steel sheet-rock spackling blade - do not gouge the damp wall board paper face or plaster.
- 12) Repeat the above steps on the section until most scrapes off easily.
- 13) When the walls are free of wallpaper, scrub with hot water, Tri Sodium Phosphate (TSP) and a sponge with a scratchy surface to remove all glue.
- 14) Let dry at least over night.
- 15) Sand with 120 paper after the walls are all dry.
- 16) Fill scrapes, nail pops, holes, and other anomalies with spackle.
- 17) Let spackle set at least over night, sand flat for best results and feather. Repeat spackle steps until surface is flat & smooth.
- 18) Prime walls with a good sealer/primer in the same color tone as the finish paint color will be. Now finish painting.



Now you have a completed job you can be proud to boast of your accomplishment.

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