

Tips and Tricks to install your Canvas

Installing a mural in your home is an excellent idea. It gives you the opportunity to express yourself artistically and to make your living environment unique and your own.

Considering that these murals are a piece of art, the last thing that we would want to do is to damage them.

Murals on canvas are best left installed and removed by professionals because they can be delicate to a certain extent. If you would like to try to do the job yourself, that certainly is a possibility as well.



YOU WILL NEED:

- Professional Primer/Sizer
- Heavy Duty Commercial Wallpaper Adhesive
- Large Paste Brush (for smoothing)
- Foam Roller (Seam Roller)
- Utility Knife
- Tape Measure / Pencil
- Large Clean Sponge

Use the following steps for installing a canvas and you will find that it not only looks excellent, it is already prepared to move whenever the time comes to do so.

1. Make sure that everything is prepared in advance:

This not only includes the wall where the mural was going to be installed, it also includes any of the items which are needed for installation.

- Remove existing wallpaper. Never hang your mural over old wallpaper.
- *Fix cracks and holes* with spackling mixture, let it dry and sand the surface until it is smooth.

2. Mark your starting point:

Begin from a completely horizontal starting line.

3. Apply primer:

Preparing the wall ahead of time is also important and you're going to want to apply a primer and allow it to dry at least 24 hours before you begin adding the glue.

4. Apply glue:

The type of glue that you will use depends upon the size of the canvas that is going to be installed.

For smaller murals, you can usually get by with using Jade-glue or a similar product.

For larger pieces of canvas, you will want to go with commercial glue that is available at many of the major hardware stores or stores that specifically carry materials for wall coverings.

- Apply a first coat of adhesive on the entire wall surface and make sure that you don't apply the glue too thickly.
- Let it dry.
- Apply a second coat of glue repeating the procedure described above, but this time; do not allow the adhesive to dry.
- Gently press canvas against wall and smooth it with your plastic tool, take care not to damage the painted surface by using a piece of craft paper in between the plastic and the canvas.



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5. Cut borders with a utility knife:

When the mural is in place and adhered, trim the excess of the canvas at the ceiling, baseboard molding and corners using a straightedge.

6. Wipe away excess paste:

To remove excess paste, use a clean wet sponge. Gently wipe the mural around the corners, ceiling and baseboard molding. Dry excess moisture with a soft dry towel or paper towel.

For optimal results, I recommend that you install larger wall murals with the help of an assistant.

Enjoy your ready Mural





If you have any questions, make sure that you discuss them with a professional before proceeding.