



## DECORATING DIY

# removable wallpaper

Julia Hill from Luxe Walls explains the super-simple process behind hanging self-adhesive wallpaper

**You'll need:** removable wallpaper; a ladder; clean cloth; sharp retractable trimming knife; ruler (metal works best)

**1 Prep** your walls using the below tips.

**2 Start** on the left-hand side of your wall and line up your first panel of wallpaper along the edge of the wall and ceiling, making sure it's level. Don't worry if it's overhanging the wall, you can trim the excess later.

**3 Peel** 10cm of the backing paper from your wallpaper and stick it to the top of your wall. Once you're happy with the position, gently peel the remaining paper from its backing and use your hand or a clean cloth to smooth it onto the wall.

**4 Remove** all bubbles and wrinkles as you go. If the bubbles are too big, gently lift off your wallpaper and reapply.

**5 Line** up your next panel alongside your first one, ensuring it's level at the

top and that the images on the adjoining panels line up perfectly.

**6 Repeat** steps 3 and 4 and continue until the wall is covered.

**7 Use** a sharp retractable knife to trim excess wallpaper from the bottom and right-hand side of your wall (this depends on the squareness of your walls).

### JULIA'S TIPS

**Condition report** Removable wallpaper works best on walls that are smooth, properly primed and painted, with little or no surface variation. Julia advises against using it on the following finishes: flat or matte finishes; paints containing Teflon, chlorinated waxes and silicones; heavily textured finishes; and existing wallpaper.

**Be prepared** Patch any cracks, holes or peeling paint before you start and ensure your walls are clean. Remove any picture and wall hooks – they can be added back in later.

**Middle ground** Make sure your panels line up with your line of sight – guests' eyes are drawn to the centre of your walls, not the ceiling or floors.

**It takes two** Invite a pal to help with this job. 🍷

## 4 wallpapers to try

### Colour wash

Ombre **wallpaper** in Summer Days, from \$89 for 65cm x 2.5m panel, The Wall Sticker Company.

### Marble magic

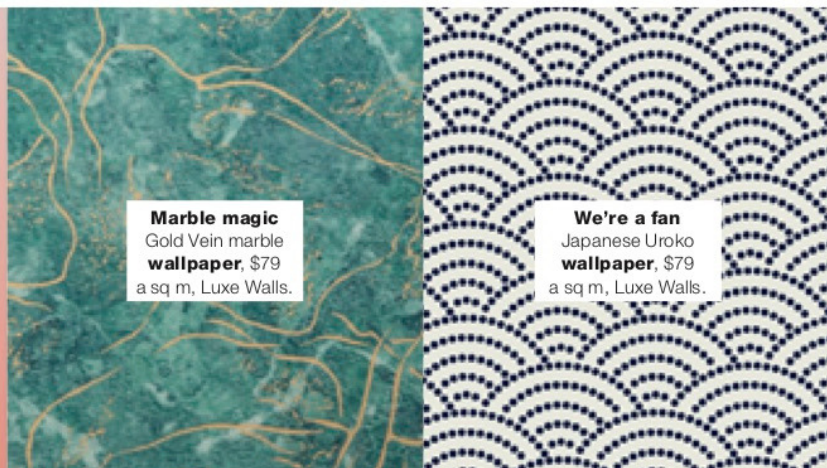
Gold Vein marble **wallpaper**, \$79 a sq m, Luxe Walls.

### We're a fan

Japanese Uroko **wallpaper**, \$79 a sq m, Luxe Walls.

### Fair and square

Grid **wallpaper** in Lickety Lick, from \$89.95 for 65cm x 2.5m panel, The Wall Sticker Company.





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wallpaper, \$79 a sq m,  
Luxe Walls.

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UP ONTO THE ROOF OF THEIR RIVER SHACK. AND OF  
COURSE, BEING REMOVABLE WALLPAPER, IF YOU TIRE  
OF IT, YOU CAN JUST PEEL IT OFF\*.