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## Wallpaper Removing Recipe

### For The Surest And Fastest Results

Since you don't know what type of glue was used on this wallpaper you will need to take one section and test the methods until you find the protocol that works.

- 1) Put drop clothes on the floor. Leave no spot uncovered. This task will get sloppy.
- 2) Wear quality 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 close to the ceiling.
- 5) If the paper begins to delaminate, 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.

Success in this section apprises you of the process you'll be following for the balance of the room.

- 13) When the walls are free of wallpaper, wash with hot water and Tri Sodium Phosphate

(TSP: read the directions) and a sponge with a scratchy surface to remove all glue.

- 14) Let the walls 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. Do Not skip this primer step.
- 19) Now finish painting.



Now you have a completed a job that you can be proud.

### Tools You'll Need

Drop Clothes & plastic sheeting
Clothes steamer
Fabric softener
Stainless steel, sheet-rock spackling blades
Rubber gloves [thick, good quality]
Paper Tiger or wallpaper surface etcher
Plastic bags [large]
Tri Sodium Phosphate (TSP)
Buckets

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