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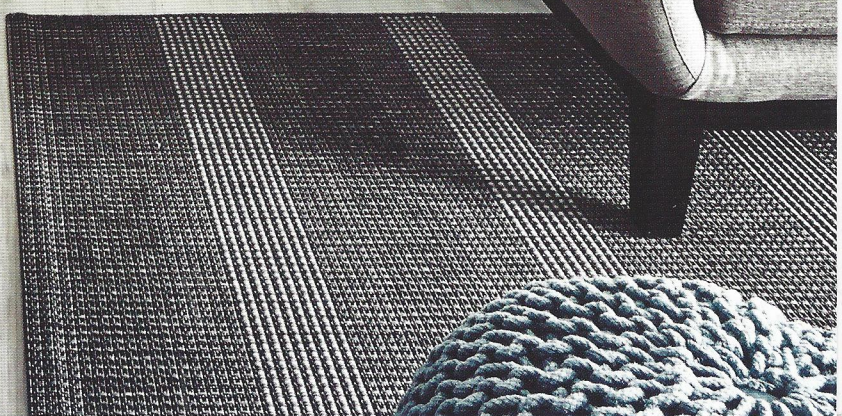
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WONDER WALLS

FIND OUT HOW TO PREP, PAPER AND PRIMP YOUR HOME

TEXT Fidz Azmin

Time-starved home dwellers looking for a fuss-free option to style their space need not look any further. Wallpapers allow house-proud owners to tailor their interiors specific to a theme – and their taste. No need for renovations. Just take the day off to roll up your sleeves and paper on your pattern of choice on a wall or more. We'll lead the way.



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To draw attention to the feature wall, place lighting at strategic points and keep everything else simple.

LINE WORK

Put a spin on wood-like feature walls by working with diagonal lines to create chevron patterns. Different shades of wood and a sense of irregularity add vigour to the design. This bedroom retains its cosy vibe by combining the wall design with an elevated bed area.

BEDROOM

Create a restful ambience in your sleeping quarters with soothing art-like feature walls.

A ROUND OF FUN

Tired of that blank wall in the bedroom? Painting it a bold colour is an easy way to transform its look. There's no need to paint the entire wall though. All it takes is to play with a geometric shape — and an oversized one at that. This is a fitting opportunity to rope in the kids so that it becomes a project they can take pride in as well. If you're feeling adventurous, try out a combination of shapes or a complex one like a star.



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SQUARE OFF

Also featuring wood finishes, this bedroom takes on a different personality with a vibrant feature wall. Pixel-like square pieces frame the television. A feature wall that eschews uniformity and doesn't cover the entire wall is excellent for creating depth and dimension to a space.

PREP WORK

A CLEAN SLATE

Always begin with a smooth and squeaky clean foundation. Like makeup, a flawless base creates a flawless finish. To achieve a flat surface, first sand walls gently. Then, scrub them down and wash away any residue with a wet sponge soaked with mild detergent. For timeworn walls, remember to remove any loose plasters or adhesives and be prepared to repair defects prior to installation. This process may get messy, so it's best to lay dust sheets across your floors. On a side note, we recommend roping in a reputable installer if you're planning to paper more rooms.

GOOD MEASURES

When it comes to installation, accuracy is crucial. Take down the measurements of the entire length, width and height of the room or wall, including the window and door openings. This helps you ascertain how many rolls of wallpaper you need to purchase. But mistakes are bound to happen, especially if you're new at this. To prepare for any blunders, round up your measurements. Ordering a couple more rolls of paper ensures you have extra to work with — just in case.

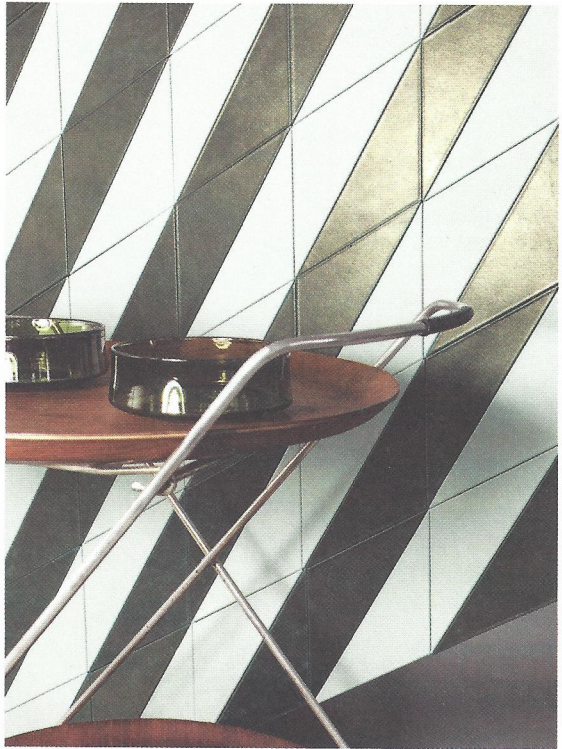


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Get to know what you're dealing with before going shopping. Apart from patterns, wallpapers also come in a variety of forms. Vinyl coated paper, for example, withstands moisture well and is fitting for places like the kitchen and bath spaces.



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LET'S HANG

GUIDE LINES

Wallpapers come in a roll, and they're hung vertically downwards. To ensure your paper – especially the first row – is perfectly straight, invest in a bubble level or a plumb bob. The former lets you ensure evenness for both horizontal and vertical lines, while the latter is only used as a vertical reference line. Mark out lines on your wall to guide you along as you paste your paper on.

TICK BY STRIPS

Some types of wallpapers are pre-pasted, while others are sealed with adhesives. For those that need glue, first brush the adhesive onto the back of the paper thoroughly. Let the moisture penetrate it, and then attach the strip to the wall carefully. With non-woven wallpapers, you need to apply the glue directly on the wall instead of the paper. In doubt, check with the stores or the instructions before you proceed.



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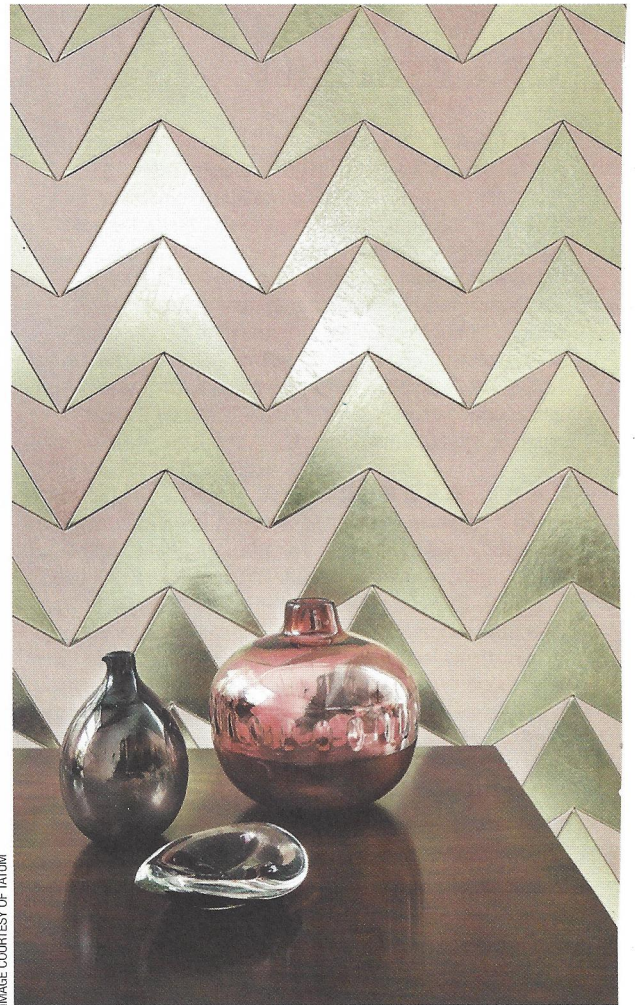


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tip!

Don't panic if air gets trapped in between wall and paper when you're installing your covering. It will usually vanish when the adhesive dries. If it doesn't, try to burst the bubble with a pin and gently flatten out the paper with a wallpaper sweep.