

Wallpapering-A How to guide

(NC)—You Will Need:

- a yardstick and pencil for measuring and marking
- string and a weight (such as scissors) to make a plumbline
- water trough (get it when you buy the wallpaper)
- scissors or a very sharp knife or razor blade for trimming the paper
- wallpaper smoother or sponge
- old newspapers or a dropcloth to protect your floor
- a ladder
- a large flat clean surface for cutting paper on

Choosing a Wallpaper

Wallpapers give you a double advantage in solving your decorating problems. You have both colour and pattern to choose from.

If your rooms are small, light-coloured papers will make them look bigger - especially if you use cool colours like pale blues or greens in an open pattern.

In a big bare room, a splashy bold pattern will help make up for any lack of furniture. Deep reds, oranges and browns will seem to draw the walls closer, too.

For kitchens, hallways, bathrooms and children's room, vinyl wallpapers are the best choice. They are scrubbable, moisture-proof and grease-resistant.

How Much Wallpaper

Wallpapers packed in double rolls contain about 6.5 m² (72 sq. ft.). After allowing for waste in matching, cutting and trimming, the double roll covers about 6 m² (60 sq. ft.). Deduct 2.5m² (about 30 sq. ft.) for every two openings of ordinary size, such as doors, win-

dows, closet doors and so on. To estimate by square metres or feet, measure the distance around the room at the floor line. Measure the height of the room from baseboard to ceiling. Multiply the distance by the height. This gives you the total number of square feet or metres to be covered.

To figure out how many double rolls of wallpaper you need, divide this figure by the number of square feet or metres coverage in a double roll (6 m² or 60 sq. ft.). Round off any fraction to the next single roll. Deduct openings.

Preparation For Wallpapering

Remove any electric fixtures from the walls and the plates from electrical switches and outlets. Be careful not to let water or paste into open outlets. If you intend to paint baseboards, doors or window frames, do this first and let the paint dry thoroughly before wallpapering.

Check the wallpaper to make sure all the rolls have the same dye lot number. This means all have been through the same dye process and there will be no variation in colour between rolls.

If you choose a wallpaper with a pattern, you have to match the pattern with each strip. If this is your first attempt at wallpapering, try to choose a wallpaper with an overall pattern that does not require matching. It would also be a good idea to buy pre-pasted wallpaper as this is easier to work with than paper you have to paste. If you use wallpaper that needs to be pasted, follow instructions on the wallpaper paste very carefully. Drape pasted sheets of wallpaper over your arm. never roll up.



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They should be shielded from the weather by being mounted under roof overhangs, on home or garage, or by the fixtures themselves. These shielded outdoor fixtures are sometimes called bullets.

Choices in outdoor fixtures include both regular and low voltage electric power sources. Low voltage must be equipped with a transformer to "step down" the power. Although initial cost may be higher, savings in electricity result.



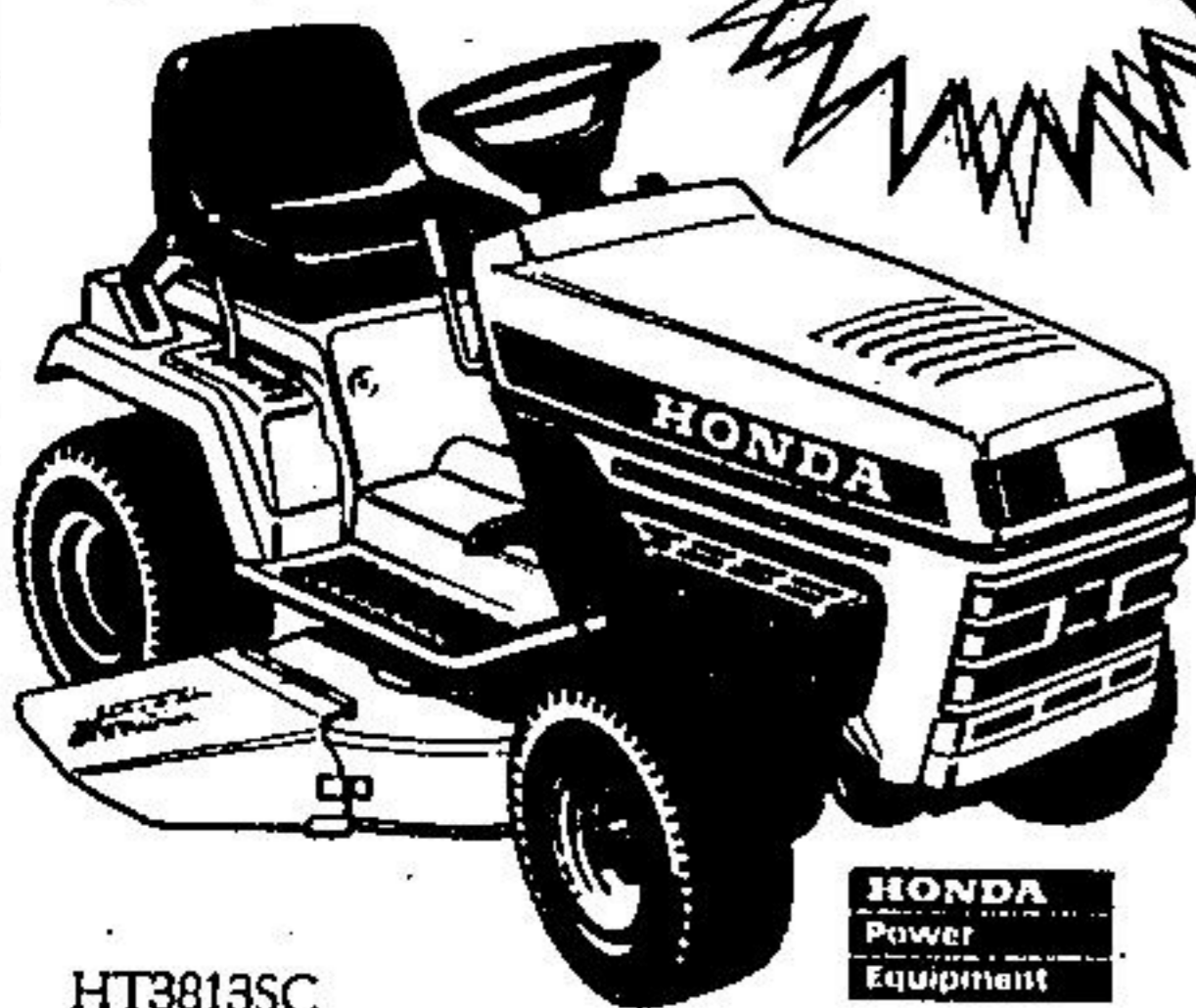
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