

The steps for getting ready to hang wallpaper

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Before you can begin to hang wallpaper there are a few preliminary steps you have to take to get the walls and ceilings ready. You will have to decide exactly which areas to wallpaper, what type of paper to use and which areas need painting. Then walls will have to be repaired and prepared for wallpaper.

Take a good look at the ceiling and trim; they will undoubtedly need painting. Before you wallpaper the room, you will need to decide whether you want to wallpaper both the ceiling and the walls, but keep in mind the size of the room.

A small room can look more spacious if you paint the ceiling and wallpaper the walls choosing a small pattern or vertical stripe. You can also wallpaper doors, but decide first if you want to do this or if you prefer to paint them.

It's important to choose a scrubbable paper for high traffic areas like the kitchen and bathroom which attract a lot of dirt.

Vinyl papers have the best durability and are also easy to clean.

It is possible to paper over existing wallpaper, but you may not be satisfied with the results. If the original paper begins to peel, then the new paper will come right off with the old. Most of the wallpaper sold today is dry strippable. All you need to do to remove the paper is open one seam at the bottom of the wall and tear it off the wall. Even if the original paper has been put on with paste and is not strippable, you can easily pull most of it off by hand. Just soak a sponge in hot water and thoroughly wet the paper. This will loosen the paste enough and the paper can be removed easily.

Now that you have removed any existing wallpaper and have painted the ceiling, trim, baseboards, and heater units, you are ready for the last few preliminary steps before you hang the new paper.

If the walls you intend to wallpaper have enamel paint on them, it is necessary to

remove the high sheen using sandpaper and a lot of "elbow grease". Use coarse grade sandpaper and rub the entire wall area. This does not take much time because rough sandpaper will remove the gloss easily.

After sandpapering, go over the walls with a damp cloth. This removes the dust that has accumulated and allows you to see any spots you may have missed. You must remove all dust particles because even the smallest imperfection in the wall surface will be discernible when the wallpaper is hung.

If you have plaster walls, you will need to get out your plaster filler and putty knife. Look closely for any cracks. Check especially where the ceiling meets the walls as cracks have a tendency to appear there. Fill in all cracks and let the plaster filler dry to allow for shrinking. You'll then have to apply another coat of plaster filler. Smooth out the wet second coat with the putty knife, making it as even with the wall as you possibly can.

Any wall that has not been previously

painted must be sealed before papering and you can seal any wall with paint you have around the house (as long as the paint is not semi-gloss or high gloss). Just apply the paint evenly on the repaired parts and let it dry. The walls are then sealed and the paper will adhere.

Now that you have completed all the preliminary steps for wallpapering, you are ready to measure the walls and hang wallpaper.

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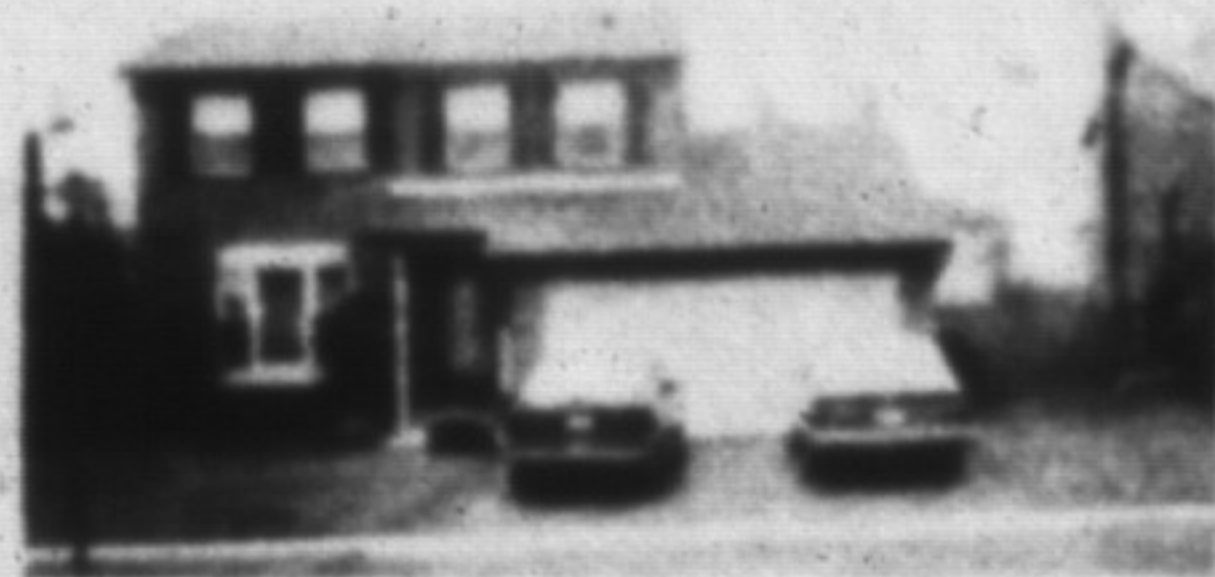


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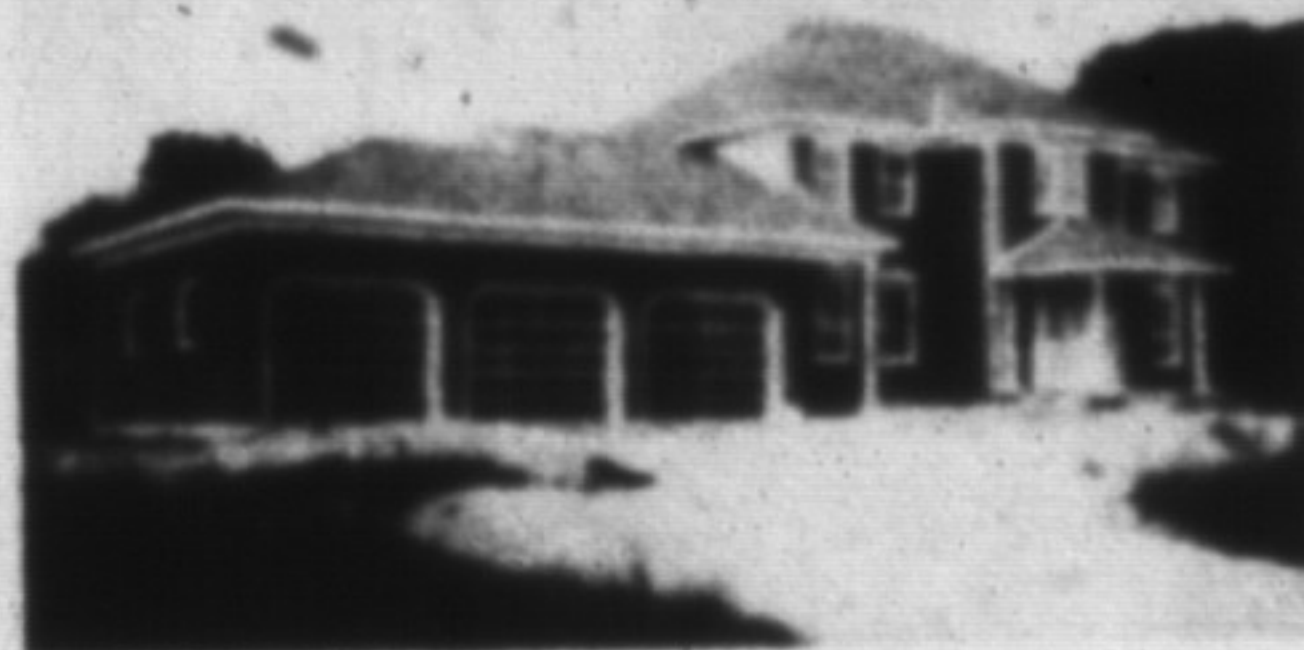
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