

# Stripping old wallpaper

Scour the wall using a Paper Tiger Wallpaper Stripper

Wet the area you are stripping thoroughly, about 5-6m<sup>2</sup> at a time using Metylan Wallpaper Remover. Work from the bottom to the top

Using a flat bladed scraper, remove the damp paper

Apply Resene Moss & Mould Killer if the substrate has mould spores present

Sand with 100 grit zinc stearate sandpaper

Fill any holes, dents and cracks using Selleys Rapid Filla and lightly sand with 220 grit zinc stearate sandpaper

Apply Resene Broadwall Surface Prep – consider a second application if the wall is severely dented or damaged

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**Apply Resene Sureseal** 

Refer to room flow charts

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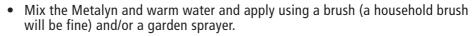


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#### **Notes:**

 Wallpaper manufacturers recommend that paperfaced plasterboard walls are sealed with Resene Sureseal before the wallpaper is hung to enable walls to be stripped more easily at a later date although this good advice is not always followed. Wallpaper is often hung over the top of previous papers making stripping more difficult and time consuming.



- The key is to ensure the wallpaper is thoroughly soaked with the stripper. Cuts made by the Paper Tiger allow the mixture to penetrate the paper (and layers of paper) more easily.
- Lay old towels against the skirting board to prevent moisture entering the carpet. You
  will need to be especially careful if using Resene Moss & Mould Killer as any
  spills, splashes or drips will bleach the towels and carpet.
- Use a combination of a 75mm broad knife scraper and a 25mm scraper for corners and difficult to remove areas.
- Areas where plaster has been used to fix holes etc on old wallpaper are very difficult to remove.
- Once the paper is removed the surface will be less than perfect and holes and gouges caused by the scrapers will need to be filled.



- After filling Resene recommend Resene Broadwall Surface Prep to improve the surface before painting. This may require a second coat.
- The walls will need sealing and as some glues, moisture and even the aged paperfaced plasterboard may stain through a waterborne system, always use Resene Sureseal after applying the Resene Broadwall Surface Prep.
- Steam strippers are available for hire. If you have large areas to strip you should consider this option.
- We have an arrangement with Hirequip (in NZ) allowing Resene customers to receive a 10% discount on the hireage charge upon presentation of their Resene ColorShop Card.

### Key accessories essential to complete the job

- 100 grit zinc stereate sandpaper
- 220 grit zinc stereate sandpaper
- 25mm flat bladed scraper
- 35-50mm Resene Supa brush
- 75mm broad knife scraper
- Hi solids roller sleeve
- Metylan Wallpaper Liquid Stripper
- PAL No.4 roller sleeve
- Paper Tiger
- Resene Broadwall Surface Prep
- Resene Sureseal and Turps
- Roller handle and tray
- Selleys Rapid Filla

## Add-ons - to make the job easier or quicker

- Aluminium extension pole
- Good heavy duty dropsheet
- Pole sander

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