
Removing residues of wallpaper glue



General Information

When renovating walls by repainting with wallpaint or by application of decorative plasters straight onto the plaster, it is not enough only to remove old wallpaper. Residues of wallpaper glue have to be thoroughly removed from the walls also. This way of preparation is necessary for all usual water-based wallpaints and plasters: natural ones and synthetic ones.

We are mentioning this topic in all our Product Information Sheets under the headline "Preparations".

Why remove residues of wallpaper glue ?

Wallpaints applied onto wallpaper glue peel off too often.

Old wallpaper glue often lets ugly yellow or brown colours strike through new layers of wallpaint or plaster.

What do we mean by removing "thoroughly" ?

"Thoroughly" means **completely** !

Residues of glue have to be removed out of the pores and depths of the subsurface.

How can you detect residues of wallpaper glue ?

Moisten the subsurface with water. Wait 1 or 2 Minutes. Then rub the surface with your fingers. Residues of wallpaper glue become sticky or greasy when wet.

How to remove wallpaper glue ?

Spray or paint water onto the surface. To improve the penetration, add some drops of detergent to the water. Repeat the application of water several times within 1 hour. Then wash off the glue from the ceiling down to the floor with water and a sponge. Lay out towels onto the floor to catch the liquids.

Attention: Be careful with wooden floorings and laminated floor panels.

Liquids running down might damage these floorings.

How to check a good result ?

Moisten the surface again. The glue is removed completely when the surface is not sticky / greasy any more.

Alternatives

1. Sand down residues of wallpaper glue with rough sand paper.
2. If washing off or sanding down is not possible or economically, the alternative will only be a new application of wallpaper. For good diffusibility please choose a wallpaper made of 100% paper (ingrain wallpaper, fleece wallpaper). Then overcoat with our Kreidezeit wallpaints, textured paints and decorative wallglazes.

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