

CLOSET WALLPAPERING DIY CHECKLIST

Step-by-Step Installation Guide & Supply Tracker

How to Use This Checklist: Print this sheet and bring it directly into your closet project area. Check off items as you prepare tools, pre-treat walls, cut wallpaper strips, and execute a bubble-free installation.

1. ESSENTIAL TOOLS & MATERIALS CHECKLIST

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| ☐ Wallpaper Rolls (Peel-and-Stick or Unpasted)
Confirm matching batch/lot numbers + 15% extra for waste | ☐ Tape Measure & Metal Straightedge Ruler
For accurate panel length cuts and straight trim lines |
| ☐ Utility Knife & Fresh Blades
Snap off dull blades regularly to prevent tears | ☐ Microfiber Cloth & TSP Surface Cleaner
Removes grease, lint, and dust for max adhesion |
| ☐ Plastic Vinyl Smoothing Tool / Squeegee
Pushes out trapped air pockets from center to edges | ☐ Spackle, Putty Knife & 120-Grit Sandpaper
Patches nail holes and smooths wall imperfections |
| ☐ Bubble Level / Laser Level & Soft Pencil
Crucial for marking a true vertical plumb line | ☐ Wallpaper Paste & Roller (For traditional paper)
Clear paste-the-wall adhesive for unpasted wallpapers |

2. PREPARATION PHASE

- ☐ **Clear Closet Space:** Remove all garments, hanging rods, shelving brackets, and peg supports.
- ☐ **Safety First:** Shut off power at the circuit breaker; remove switch plates and outlet covers.
- ☐ **Patch & Sand:** Fill old screw/nail holes with spackle. Sand flush once fully dry.
- ☐ **Clean Walls Thoroughly:** Wipe down walls with TSP cleaner or damp cloth; allow to air dry completely.
- ☐ **Paint Curing Check:** Ensure freshly painted walls have cured for at least 30 days prior to installation.

PRO TIP: Draw a pencil plumb line 20 inches from the corner for your starting panel. Never rely on corner walls being square—they rarely are!

3. MEASURING & PATTERN MATCHING

- ☐ **Measure Wall Height:** Measure floor/baseboard to ceiling height across multiple wall sections.
- ☐ **Cut Strip #1:** Add 2 inches margin to the top and 2 inches to the bottom (4 inches total trim margin).
- ☐ **Match Pattern for Strip #2:** Lay rolls flat on floor alongside Strip #1, match repeat motifs, then cut.
- ☐ **Number Backing Sheets:** Pencil sequence numbers (1, 2, 3...) on the top reverse side of each panel.

4. APPLICATION & TRIMMING

- ☐ **Align First Panel:** Peel back 6–10 inches of backing paper (or apply paste) and align flush along pencil plumb line.
- ☐ **Smooth Air Bubbles:** Work vinyl smoother diagonally from top-center toward outer edges.
- ☐ **Butt Joints Cleanly:** Position adjacent panels edge-to-edge without overlapping or stretching paper.
- ☐ **Trim Top & Bottom Edges:** Press metal straightedge firm against ceiling/baseboard line and slice with utility knife.
- ☐ **Outlet Cutouts:** Smooth paper over electrical box, make an "X" slit in center, fold tabs inward, and trim excess.

5. FINAL INSPECTION & REASSEMBLY

- ☐ **Inspect Seams:** Run a soft seam roller along panel joins to secure edges without pressing paste out.
- ☐ **Reattach Hardware:** Reinstall light switch plates, hanging rods, and shelving units.
- ☐ **Adhesive Cure Window:** Wait 24 hours before hanging heavy wardrobes back against freshly wallpapered surfaces.