

Paper Illusion® by Village

[Paper Illusions](#) is a new and unique torn paper faux finish.

Each design is first created by an artist and then printed on special pre-pasted, breathable paper to re-create the original, hand-painted look.

Due to the nature of the paper and the design, there can be slight color variations from one roll to the next. This is inherent to Paper Illusions and only enhances the beauty of the end result.

INSTRUCTIONS

Preparation

Remove existing wallpaper. Walls must be smooth, clean, and free of mildew, grease and stain. Follow with an application of wallcovering primer/sealer.

Gather Tools

Smoothing tool, sponge, trim knife, water tray.

Coverage

- Measure
- Multiply length by height of each wall
- Add all walls together; deduct for doors and windows = total square feet.

NOW THE FUN BEGINS!

Tear, Dip in Water & Apply to Wall

- Tear into pieces, quickly and randomly. Tear into larger pieces first (approximately 8" x 12") and then tear smaller pieces as needed. These tears should be random, stone-like shapes.
- The existing straight edge pieces should be used along ceiling lines, at the baseboards and at doors and windows. Trimming is kept to a minimum.
- Start with a piece with a straight edge (remember, use these pieces for ceiling lines, etc. and not at the center of the wall.)
- Immerse paper into water tray to assure that all portions of the paper are wet and allow excess water to drip off into the tray.
- Apply to wall.

- Use smoothing tool to gently remove excess water and paste from the center of each piece of Paper Illusion to the outside torn edges. Then finish by wiping with the slightly moistened sponge. Any remaining bubbles will disappear as the piece dries tight to the wall.
- Apply the second piece so that the edges overlap the first piece.
- Continue to have fun creating your own distinctive Paper Illusion! Remember to use those straight edges for the ceiling line, along baseboards, doors and windows.
- Corners—when applying a piece into the corner, gently press your smoothing tool into the corner to mold the paper to the corner.
- Trimming—to complete your project, minimal trimming is required. Use the smoothing tool and trim knife to trim around doorframes, windowsills, light switches, vanities, counter tops or even the pipes in your bathroom.
- Minimal trimming is needed, but you may trim certain areas using the trim knife and the straight edge of the smoothing tool. Leftover trimmed pieces can be re-used to fill an odd space.

NOW, STEP BACK AND ADMIRE YOUR WORK!

Remember with [Paper Illusion](#) it is easy to start and stop—clean-up is a breeze—and you can do as much or as little as you like without having the entire room in disarray.

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