



Wallpaper or Paint?

Wallpaper is so 1980s, right? Not so fast. New products have made wallpaper easier to place and to remove, and therefore, the product is on a roll again. So before you change the look of a room, check out the pros and cons of paint vs. wallpaper.

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PAINT

Smooth out imperfections in wall, tape areas you don't want painted, prime walls.

Color versatility, easy to apply and cover up.

Can look uneven if applied improperly; certain types of paint will not hide imperfections in the wall.

\$15-\$30 per gallon for high-quality paint. \$50-\$100 for supplies.

\$25-\$100 per hour.

Use satin for doors, playrooms, trim, kitchens and high-traffic areas. Can withstand hand washing.

WALLPAPER

PREP Clean and sand walls, patch holes or cracks. Job will require plenty of patience.

PROS Wide selection of designs, textures and graphics.

CONS Can be tedious to remove and difficult to install, depending on type of paper. Could quickly look dated.

DIY COST \$2-\$800 per roll, depending on style. Average: \$25-\$50. \$50-\$100 for supplies.

PRO COST About \$50 per hour.

TOP OPTION Vinyl-coated paper is ideal for high-traffic areas. It's also easier to remove than the solid vinyl varieties.



CAN'T DECIDE?

Consider paintable wallpaper, which offers a versatile design and the ability to color coordinate. This style generally costs from \$15 to \$30 a roll.



ONLINE GUIDES

Interior painting:
angie.li/feb-painting
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angie.li/feb-wallpaper

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