

Estimating Wallpaper Tips

Templeton's

HOW MANY BOLTS WILL YOU NEED?

1. Measure the height and width of your wall (including doors and windows), and multiply together to determine its overall total square footage.
2. Subtract 21 square feet for every door and 15 square feet for every window in the wall.
3. Repeat steps 1 and 2 for every wall you want to cover, and add them for your total requirement.
4. Find the pattern repeat (if any) on the label of the wallpaper you are choosing — note that solids and stripes will not show a repeat.
5. Determine the usable yield per bolt (roll) of wallpaper, as follows:

Pattern Repeat Length	Usable Yield per Bolt*
1" to 6"	50 square feet
7" to 12"	44 square feet
13" to 18"	40 square feet
19" to 23"	36 square feet

6. Divide the usable yield into the square footage of the room, to determine the number of bolts* you'll need. (Multiply the bolts by two to determine single rolls, when placing special orders from books.)

*The *average* bolt of wallpaper is 10.9 yards long, yielding 55.8sq ft per bolt. However the pattern repeat lowers the usable yield.

ADDITIONAL TIPS

- Choose rolls from the same dye lot (see label), to ensure that the colours will match exactly.
- Prepare your walls properly before hanging the paper, preferably with an acrylic-based primer/sealer.

A BRIEF WALLPAPER GLOSSARY

Coated Paper: Light vinyl applied to paper backing, usually strippable and washable

Peelable: Paper backing remains on the wall after the wallpaper is stripped. Use a wallpaper removal solution to take it off the walls (if painting).

Solid Vinyl: A laminate applied to a paper or fabric. It makes the wallpaper durable, moisture-resistant, scrubbable, and peelable.

Strippable: The paper will come cleanly off the wall when it is stripped (does not leave the paper backing).