

Before You Begin

1. We recommend that two people install this mural together.
2. Always inspect the mural for defects before you proceed.
3. Never pre trim the mural – your wall or ceiling line may be slightly off.
4. Never adhere mural to cinder block, paneling or textured wall surface without properly prepping the wall to create a smooth surface.

Tools Needed:

- Straight edge (for trimming)
- Sharp blade (snap off style) to trim the mural
- Tape measure

The success of your project depends on having the first panel straight.

1. Start with good preparation

- Be sure to start with a smooth, clean surface.
- Remove picture hooks, light fixtures, and switch plates.
- Wash off grease or dirt and rinse with warm water.
- Fill cracks and holes with spackling compound, and sand until smooth.

2. Make a level guideline on the wall

- Use a light pencil to mark the desired starting point for your mural on the wall. Use the top left corner of your mural to begin. Then measure the width of the panel, and make a 2nd point where it ends (across horizontally, not vertically).
- From this point, use your level to make a straight vertical line. This will be your guideline for the right hand side of your first mural panel.

3. Your mural may have a bleed area

- Your mural may have as much as a 1 inch bleed (extra image area) on each side of the mural panel(s). This overage is to accommodate irregular walls or ceiling lines.

4. Peel and stick your mural panel

- Start at the top of the panel and peel back the liner a few inches. Lining up with your pencil guideline, apply the adhesive side of panel by smoothing it onto the wall with your hands. DO NOT peel off the entire liner all at once. Slowly and evenly peel back the liner a few inches at a time and apply. Consider having another person hold the bottom of the mural as you work your way down and apply the rest of the panel.
- Smooth all wrinkles and bubbles outward, until they are removed. Do not use pressure. Simple light strokes work best. Be careful not to stretch the mural while positioning. If wrinkles or bubbles appear, simply peel back the panel and reapply that section. It's easy!

5. For additional panels:

- Align panel #2 to panel #1. When matching panel #2 to panel #1, there will be a 2" overlap. This is correct. Simply match the pattern of the mural. Do not install the panels with edges butt together.
- Repeat for additional panels.

OPTIONAL: Double-cut overlapping seams

(Video available on our website) Place your straightedge in the middle of the overlap and cut thru both layers. Peel away the outer piece of excess material. Now peel away the remaining excess material underneath the overlap. Smooth the panels back together, so the edges butt now together.

6. Trim overage

- When all panels have been adhered, trim any ceiling and baseboard overage, using your straight edge. Go slowly and change blades often for the best result.

NOTE: Your SmartStick® mural can be removed and reused without damaging your wall. If you plan to remove and store your mural for future use, you can purchase SmartStick Saver™ on our website.