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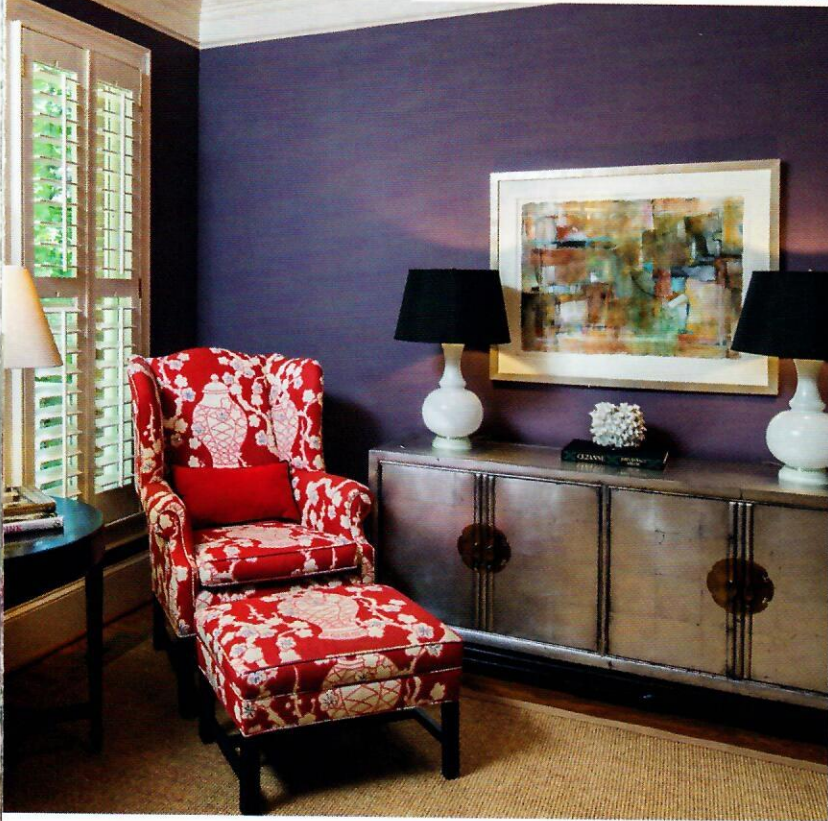
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I hear it all the time, "I love wallpaper, but stripping it down is horrible." Let this be your notice, grandma's wallpaper is dead.



Stripping Scares Me

NOT ME! I DO IT ALL THE TIME.

OK, SO MAYBE THIS ARTICLE ISN'T going to be as provocative as you thought—I'm talking about wallpaper. It's not what it used to be. Now more than any other time, wallpapers are over the top with options. We have installed huge florals, masculine grids, removable stripes, a ceiling trellis, a ceiling plaid, a quiet texture, and custom designs with playbills, cars, landscapes or watercolors. Only your imagination can stop you.

When done correctly, wallpaper can take the overall look of a room from attractive to remarkable. Take the plunge, don't be afraid of stripping and be **REMARKABLE!**



Why it's not scary...

Back in the day, wallpaper was simply printed, uncoated paper. It was a mess to put up and a bigger mess to take down. Today, most wallpapers are coated with acrylic or vinyl to help make them easy to clean. Some are even completely vinyl and will come down in one sheet. The trick is having them professionally handled.

Why wallpaper now?

FIRST, WHY WOULD YOU WANT WALLPAPER IN THE FIRST PLACE? DESIGNERS LOVE WALLPAPER FOR A NUMBER OF PRACTICAL REASONS:

- 1** To properly compose a room you need to add texture and connect all of the areas together. Furniture and draperies are great, but a room is better composed when the elements are connected. Wallpaper connects the dots.
- 2** Wallpaper adds drama and when done correctly, it packs a WOW factor.
- 3** Placed on one wall it anchors the room.
- 4** Placed on the ceiling it adds drama.
- 5** Placed in a small space it turns the space into a jewel box.
- 6** Textured wallpapers add depth and importance to a room.
- 7** Vinyl wallpapers protect walls and are easy to clean while adding beauty.
- 8** It's beautiful framed, as a surprise liner in a drawer or as a beautiful backing to a bookcase.

Why use a professional wallpaper hanger...

As an interior designer, I have worked with many trades people and know the importance of hiring the best wallpaper hanger available.

Why?

- They know how to remove poorly installed wallpaper and repair the walls.
- They know how to estimate how much you will need for less waste and best pricing.
- They know how to prep the walls for long lasting wear and easy removal.
- They know how to properly match and place patterns and grasscloth columns.



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