

Home and Lifestyle



Wallpaper vs. Paint

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Many homeowners have, at one point or another, considered whether wallpaper or paint would work better on their walls. They ask themselves, what would look better on their walls, or what would be the easiest to set up? Paint is easy, and it can actually be a fun activity with friends (unless you're the type who prefers a professional to do the job for you), but then again, things can get real messy, and paint fumes can singe your nose hair for several days. Wallpaper on the other hand, is a bit more fussy as an interior design medium. It requires some modicum of precision, and an eye for choosing a design that doesn't make the interior of your house look like a giant reverse gift- wrapped box.

That's just covering the aesthetic aspect. Nowadays, the aesthetic aspect is not the only thing that should affect one's decision - practicality and economic value (a crucial

consideration for those who would want to resell their house in the future) must also be added into the equation.



Wallpaper, on the one hand, can last from ten to fifteen years with proper care, and is ideal for people who don't feel the need to constantly give their interior decor a makeover. They never go out of style, as paper companies always have new patterns to keep up with current trends. Being able to choose from a variety of colors and ready-made designs saves the buyer the need to come up with creative ways to spruce up their walls.

On the other hand, paint is undoubtedly more popular, as it is quick and easy to apply and is often much cheaper than wallpaper. It is quite durable and is able to withstand weathering more effectively. However, it tends to be replaced often, with walls requiring constant repainting because humidity gradually causes paint to peel off or develop a drabbed look, so in the long run, wallpaper can be considered more economical. Although wallpaper can peel off too, it is possible to re-glue peeled sections not like with paint. To be fair, wallpaper is more costly to replace, but provided that it is kept under good condition, replacement will not be necessary for a long time.

Talking about restoration, paint would be preferable to people who are prone to getting their walls dirty, and is thus more practical for households with children. Wallpaper is easily soiled or ruined and difficult to clean; replacing a particular area would also not be aesthetically pleasing as a new patch would be conspicuous beside the older, more faded original. The advantage of paint is that it can be thoroughly scrubbed without damaging it, and bad surface damage can easily be painted over. The ease of application also makes it possible for frequent color changes in accordance with the homeowner's whims. The only disadvantage of applying paint is if the wall is not smooth or flat - painting over such a surface will result in unsatisfactory results.



Wallpaper also has the ability to create a sense of illusion which some homeowners may require. A drab cement wall can be made to look like hardwood, bamboos, bricks or even steel with wallpaper, something paint can also achieve but will require the application of an artistic genius.

As for economical value, wallpaper adds value to a house that is up for selling, but more buyers lean towards houses with painted walls because it is easier to replace this to suit their own preferences.

In the end, it really depends on the person, as only he or she can determine which option would be more convenient for his or her lifestyle and circumstances. If you're the type who likes having house makeovers every few years, paint would be a more practical option, but if you're the type who lives by the motto "If it's not broken, don't fix it" then a wallpaper and its classic elegance may be the option that you're looking for.