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Interior Designers Are Putting Wallpaper on the Ceiling—Here's What to Know Before Trying This Trend

Wallpapering has been around for literal centuries—since the 1600s, to be exact—but within that span, its popularity has waxed and waned. Thanks to a [rise in maximalism](#), wallpaper is enjoying quite the modern resurgence. People are using it on walls as intended, yes, but it's also being utilized in furniture makeovers, on large appliances like refrigerators, and even on ceilings.

Opt for Traditional Wallpaper vs. Peel and Stick

That said, peel and stick can still work in small spaces, like closets or powder rooms. Just make sure you've adequately prepared the space. "Especially with peel and stick wallpaper, it is vital to ensure a smooth, flat, and clean surface prior to installation," says Hannah Reach, the marketing communications coordinator at [WallPops](#). Any popcorn or abstract textures will interfere with adhesion." If you're using peel and stick, also let it acclimate to the space for 48 hours before final application.

Consider Incorporating Texture, Instead

If you like the idea of wallpapering your ceiling, but want something subtler, consider a textured neutral. "Textured wallpaper can add a subtle, yet impactful dose of dimension," says Reach. For example, there are tweed, grasscloth, and embossed options.