

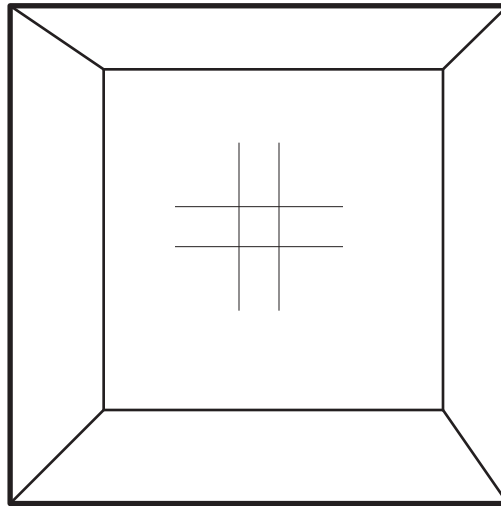
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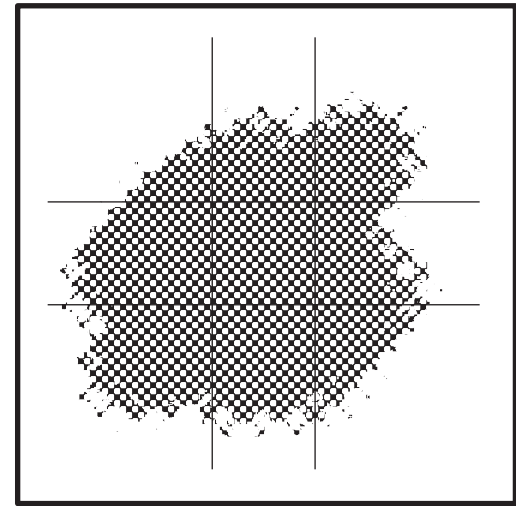


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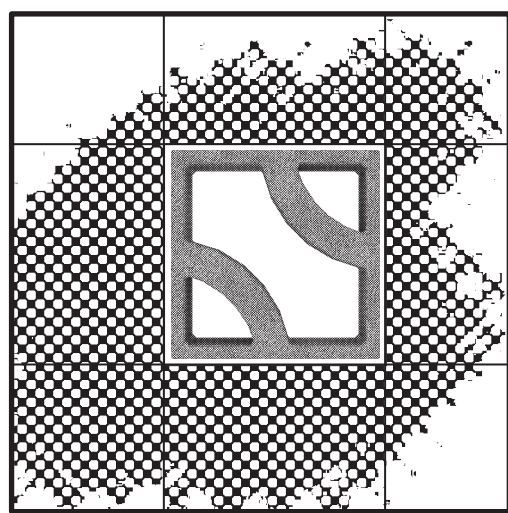
- level w/ruler
- pencil
- scissors or blade
- wide brush
- wallpaper glue
- Paper Blocs (duh)



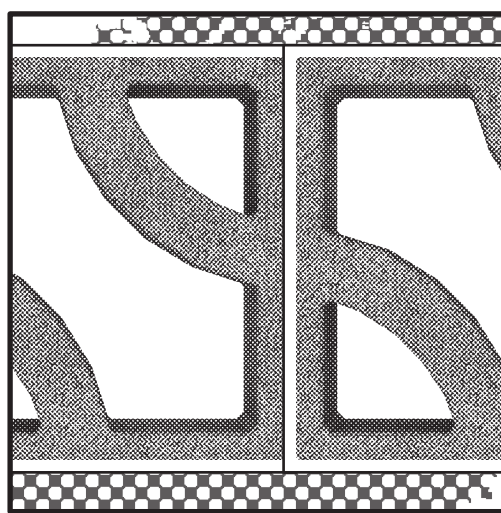
1:: Lightly draw a 17"×17" grid. Level and plum to the world.



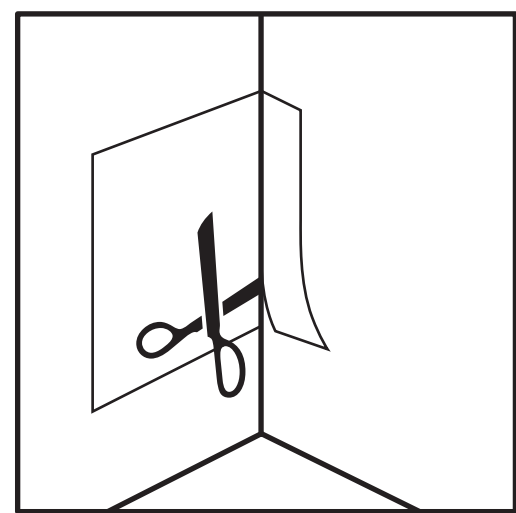
2:: Prime a small area with glue. Start small and gradually larger with confidence.



3:: Place first Bloc. Align four corners to grid. Once placement final, coat with thin layer of glue.



4:: Place next Bloc with side over-lapping previous. Continue in all directions until corner, ceiling, or floor is reached.



5:: Use straight edge or whatever and knife to trim Blocs that touch corners, ceilings, or floor.

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tips and tricks

§::Some of the Blocs can be individually rotated in 90° increments to create a variety of patterns. To achieve the desired array it is helpful to layout the Blocs on the floor before installation.

£::Recipes for homemade wheat paste glue can be found online. These can be perfected to work well, but in our experience the commercial grade glues hold up better. They are made using essentially the same stuff. It seems obvious, but Clear is the preferable variety. One can also water down the glue to lengthen it's square footage, but it gets messy.

Σ::We found that 1 uncut gallon of glue will cover 100 blocs. This is just an approximation, by installing several times on many different walls.

Ω::Different methods can be used to apply glue to Blocs and walls. We recommend a wide chip brush, but one can also use a roller, deck brush, sponge, or any combination. The goal here is to be able to install the Blocs with minimal air bubbles while not tearing the paper.

Δ::A large fan will help with drying. It is not necessary to use too much glue. Just enough to make the Bloc stick, and just a thin layer of glue over the top. The thin top layer protects the paper against stuff and also gives it a nice matte finish when dry.

∩::Wall prep is important if you want a smooth finish. They're are primer papers available that go under the Paper Bloc. Or if you're like us and like it rough, do nothing.

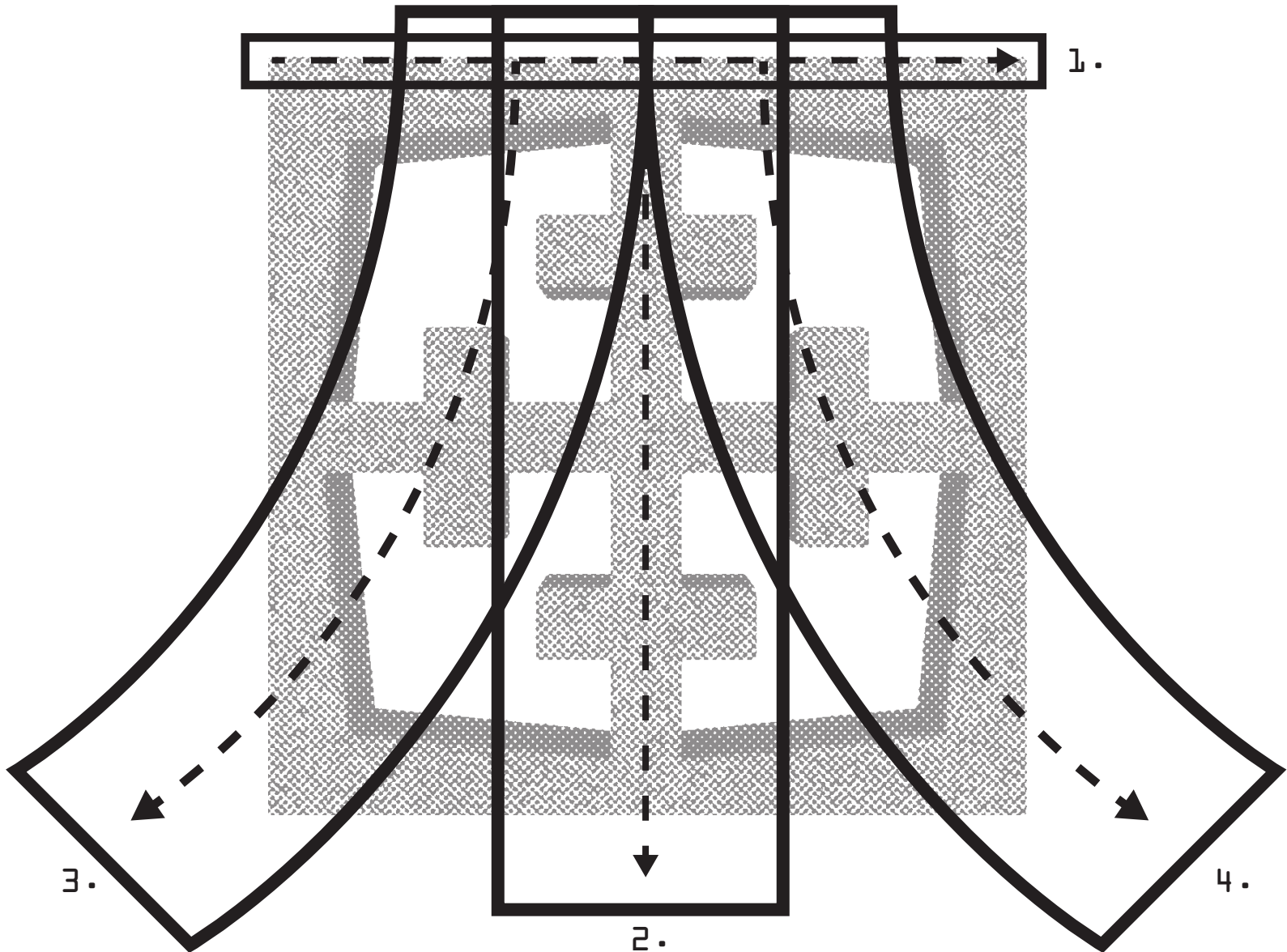
√::Many videos can be found on the internet that show a wide variety of methods for wallpaper installation and trimming. Problems commonly occur in corners and floor/ceiling intersections. A metal straight-edge or wide putty knife can be used as a guide for cutting with a sharp knife. A knife with the snap off blades is the jam.

#::A drop cloth is good, but dark paper is better because you can see the drops of glue. Don't step on the glue and then step on your floor.

◇::Fancy lasers can be used instead of the drawn on grid. This isn't really a tip or trick because I've never used one. Nasa spent millions of dollars to develop a pen to write in space, and the Russians used a pencil. Who is smarter? I don't know, who cares.

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detail



¶: This detail was created to show a method of application. It is one way to do it, however one may develop their own method after repeated installations. Once the Bloc is stuck to the wall and coated with glue the paper will wrinkle, don't freak out. Simply rub the top edge with two fingers from right to left, then peel the bottom of the bloc away from the wall almost to the top edge. Then using your brush or sponge make one stroke down the middle of the Bloc. Then another stroke from the top-middle to the bottom-left. Repeat again from the top-middle to the bottom-right. Now all the air bubbles and wrinkles are gone, move on to the next one. If you notice some bubbles later, just peel and work the bubble out towards the closest edge. If the bloc dries before you spot the bubble, try to wet it again with a little water. If that doesn't work, drink a beer.