

# WHAT TO MEASURE FOR WALLCOVERINGS

## Measuring for the Square Footage and Area of a Project

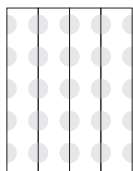
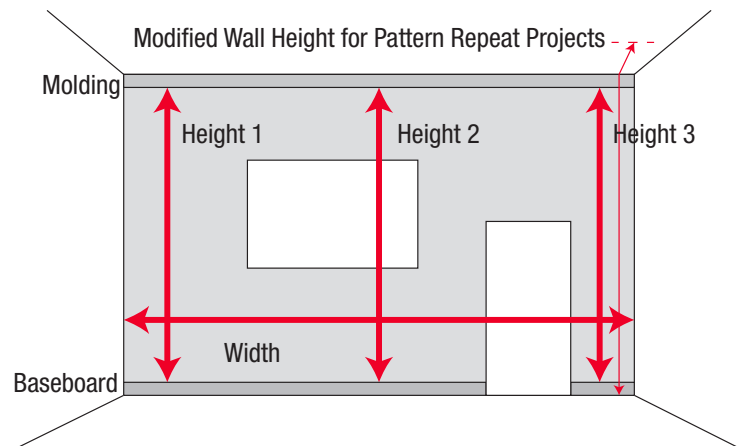
1. Measure the width (W) of each wall where you would like to apply the wallpaper. Add them together to get the **combined width (CW)**.
2. Measure the height (H) of the wall in 3 different areas, and use the largest measurement. Subtract for molding and/or baseboards.
3. Multiply the width by the height (W x H) to calculate the **square footage**. Multiply the combined width by the height (CW x H) to calculate the area or **total square footage (TSF)** of wall space you need to cover with wallpaper.

It is recommended that you increase the total area by 10% to account for waste. Do not subtract for areas that are not covered by wallpaper (i.e. windows and doors) that are less than 54”.

## Measuring for Patterned Wallpaper

While wallcoverings without a pattern are easier to estimate, the majority have a design or pattern. Patterned wallpaper requires more because you have to factor in the “pattern repeat,” which is the vertical distance between where the pattern becomes identical again, or repeats.

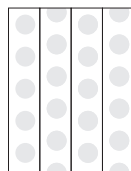
The easiest way to account for this is to add the pattern repeat height to the total height. This is your **modified wall height (MWH)**.



**STRAIGHT**



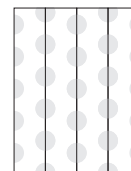
Straight Match



**FREE**



Free/Random Match

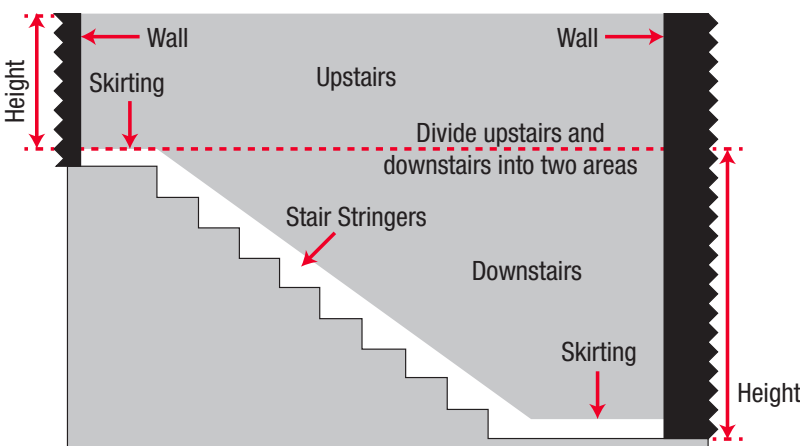


**OFFSET**



Offset/Drop Match

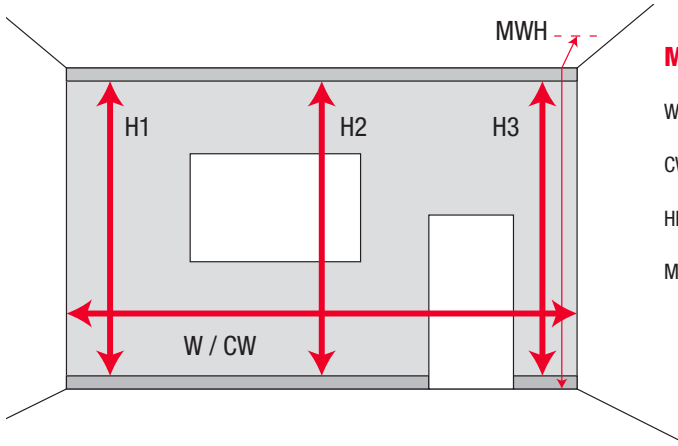
## Measuring for the Area of a Stairwell



**Think of the upstairs and downstairs as two different rooms.**

Split the stairwell wall into two parts. Imagine the skirting of the upstairs goes all the way across the stairwell wall and measure as you would normally.

You will use a lot of paper on the stair walls as there is a lot of cutting involved. If you have a pattern repeat, calculate the wall height using the modified wall height (MWH) method for calculating required square footage.



**MEASUREMENTS**

WIDTH = \_\_\_\_\_

CW = \_\_\_\_\_

HEIGHT = \_\_\_\_\_

MWH = \_\_\_\_\_

**PROJECT AREA**

SQUARE FOOTAGE = \_\_\_\_\_  
(W X H)

TOTAL SQUARE FOOTAGE = \_\_\_\_\_  
(CW X H)

**STRAIGHT**



**FREE**



**OFFSET**



Information	Circle or Write	Additional Notes
Wall Construction	Concrete / Dye Wall / Other	
Current Surface	Primed / Painted / Paper / Sealer	
Wall Condition	Needs work / Primed / Sealed / Holes	
Wall Height > 10?	Require/Room for Lift to install?	
Site / Obstacles	Counters / Displays / Plumbing / Electrical	
Material	Vinyl Paste / Removable / Permanent	
Location Access	Restrictions / Keys / Pass / Contacts	
Time of Day for Install	Day / Evening / Weekend	
Time / Timing	Lead time / Art / Install	
Removal	Site Inspection Required	
Photo	Photo references are invaluable	Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Site Inspection <input type="checkbox"/>