

## A – Z of wallpapering tools



### **WALLPAPER SMOOTHER**

A smoother may be used when hanging wallpapers with hardwearing surfaces, such as non-woven renovation material or vinyl wallpapers on non-woven substrates. It is also often used as a cutting edge when wallpapering.



### **UTILITY KNIFE**

An indispensable wallpapering utensil, which should ideally have a snap-off blade. Such a knife is useful for cutting wallpaper around skirting boards, doors etc.



### **PAINT ROLLER**

A paint roller (with synthetic fibres) is best suited to applying paste directly to the wall ("paste the wall" technique for hanging non-woven wallpapers) or for applying wallpaper primer etc.



### **TRIMMING KNIFE**

This tool is used for cutting overlapping seams.



### **RUBBER ROLLER (PRESSURE ROLLER)**

A foam rubber roller or plastic roller can be used to apply pressure to wallpaper lengths (for embossed vinyl and vinyl wallpapers).



### **PASTING BRUSH**

A pasting brush is used to paste wallpaper lengths and, depending on the quality of the bristles, can also be used for priming, soaking etc.



### **PAINT SCRAPER**

The all-rounder in the tool box, used for example to prepare the surface or remove old, stubborn wallcoverings.



### **SEAM ROLLER (CONICAL)**

A conical seam roller is used to press the seams of embossed vinyl or vinyl wallpapers.



#### **SEAM ROLLER**

This seam roller, made from soft plastic, is used to press the seams of delicate wallpapers.



#### **PAPERHANGING SHEARS**

The standard tool for cutting lengths of wallpaper.



#### **STRAIGHT EDGE**

Practical aid for the cutting or trimming of wallpaper lengths.



#### **PLUMB BOB**

The position of the first wallpaper length can be marked with the help of a plumb bob.



#### **WALLPAPER BRUSH**

Lengths can be smoothed onto the wall without blisters using a wallpaper brush.



#### **PAPERHANGING BRUSH**

This tool can also be used to smooth wallpaper lengths onto the wall (also suitable for surfaces which are sensitive to pressure).



#### **FOLDING RULER**

A folding ruler helps when measuring the room or wallpaper lengths.

#### **ADDITIONAL TIPS**

- A **pasting table** (usually collapsible) is also useful when wallpapering, for cutting and pasting lengths.
- A **bucket** is required for mixing paste.
- Marking should always be done with a **pencil**. Do not use felt-tip pens etc.
- It can also be worthwhile investing in a **pasting machine** to ensure the even, rapid pasting of wallpaper lengths. A pasting machine can be used for embossed vinyl and vinyl wallpaper, both paper-backed and with non-woven substrates, as well as for embossed wallpaper.