

Paper Backed Wallcovering versus Paint A Cost Comparison

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This cost comparison is based the following criteria.

- The job is 650m² on new primed plasterboard construction.
- The paint is magnolia and the wallcovering is Newmarket 130cm wide paper backed vinyl.
- All labour costs and paint prices are from a 2009 Decorating Price Guide.

| | PAINT (MIST PLUS 2 COATS) | | PAPER BACKED WALLCOVERING | | |
|--------|--|-----------------|--|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| YEAR 1 | Materials Standard coloured emulsion = £7.42 per litre. One litre covers 12m ² so the cost per m ² averages at £0.62 x 3 coats = £1.86. | £1209.00 | Materials Newmarket paper backed wallcovering £0.75 per m ² Adhesive (Dixon Turner Light) £0.23 per m ² | £637 | |
| | Labour £2.10 per m ² for the first coat and £1.50 per m ² for each subsequent coat giving a total of £5.10 per m ² . | £3315 | Labour £4.26 per m ² . | £2769.00 | |
| | Total Cost Year 1 | £4524 | Total Cost Year 1 | £3406 | Saving Year 1 £1118 (25%) |
| YEAR 4 | PAINT (ONE COAT) | | PAPER BACKED WALLCOVERING | | |
| | Materials £0.62 per m ² x 1 coat. | £403.00 | Materials | £0.00 | |
| | Labour At £2.10 per m ² (not including preparation) | £1365 | Labour | £0.00 | |
| | Total Cost Up to Year 4 | £6292 | Total Cost Up to Year 4 | £3406 | Saving Year 4 £2886 (46%) |

* The life expectancy of paper-backed wallcovering in a normal office environment is in excess of four years and that of paint is around two years. The assumption is that the walls will be repainted with one coat of the same colour emulsion after two years.

Fabric Backed Wallcovering versus Paint A Cost Comparison



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This cost comparison is based the following criteria.

- The job is 650m² on new primed plasterboard construction.
- The paint is magnolia and the wallcovering is Apex Crystals 130cm wide fabric backed vinyl with a lifespan *in excess of six years*
- All labour costs and paint prices are from a 2009 Decorating Price Guide.

| | | PAINT (MIST PLUS 2 COATS) | | FABRIC BACKED WALLCOVERING | |
|--------|--|---------------------------|--------------|--|---|
| YEAR 1 | Materials Standard coloured emulsion = £7.42 per litre. One litre covers 12m ² so the cost per m ² averages at £0.62 x 3 coats = £1.86. | | £1209 | Materials Naseby fabric backed wallcovering £3.21 per m ² Adhesive £0.36 per m ² | £2457 |
| | Labour £2.10 per m ² for the first coat and £1.50 per m ² for each subsequent coat giving a total of £5.10 per m ² . | | £3315 | Labour £3.44 per m ² . | £2769 |
| | Total Cost Year 1 | | £4524 | Total Cost Year 1 | £5226 |
| YEAR 6 | PAINT (TWO FURTHER COATS OVER SIX YEARS) | | | FABRIC BACKED WALLCOVERING | |
| | Materials £0.62 per m ² x 2 further coats (years 2 & 4) | | £806 | Materials | £0.00 |
| | Labour At £2.10 per m ² (not including preparation) X 2 (years 2 & 4) | | £2730 | Labour | £0.00 |
| | Total Cost Up to Year 6 | | £8060 | Total Cost Up to Year 6 | £5226 |
| | | | | | Saving to Year 6 £2834 (35%) |

Any Wallcovering under £8.14 per m² will be more cost effective than paint