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Three Easy Steps For Removing Old Wallpaper

(NAPSA)—Love the look of new wallpaper but dread the thought of removing the old? If you've ever tried stripping wallpaper using a homemade vinegar and water solution—or a heavy commercial steamer—you know what a tedious, unpleasant and time-consuming task it can be.

But wallpaper removal doesn't have to be a chore if you use the right tools and learn a few tricks from the professionals. Here's some advice from the experts at ZINSSER that can make removing old wallpaper quicker and easier than you ever dreamed possible—even if you've never stripped wallpaper before:

- **Step #1: Score the wallpaper.** Most wallpaper has a washable, waterproof surface. If the top layer won't easily peel away, it's necessary to score the wallpaper first to ensure that the wallpaper stripper is able to reach and loosen the glue underneath. PaperTiger, a palm-held tool with small cutting wheels that perforate the wallpaper without damaging the wall, is designed specifically for safe, fast and easy scoring.

- **Step #2: Apply a wallpaper stripper like DIF Wallpaper Stripper.** Available in a liquid concentrate, gel or fast-acting liquid, it is safe, nontoxic and easy to use. Apply the stripper one wall at a time, starting at the top and



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working your way down. It's formulated to penetrate and break down wallpaper paste quickly. In 20 minutes or less, the wallpaper will be ready to be removed.

- **Step #3: Scrape off the loose wallpaper.** ZINSSER's Paper Scraper helps get the wallpaper off without hard work or surface damage. If any glue remains, simply reapply the stripper to the area, wait 15-20 minutes, remove it with Paper Scraper or a sponge and rinse with clean water. It's that simple.

For more information about removing or hanging wallpaper—or for more helpful home improvement tips—visit www.zinsser.com or call ZINSSER at (732) 469-8100.