

# INSTRUCTIONS FOR MOUNTING MONROE DESIGN'S WALL DECALS.

Please follow the instructions below for best results. Read all the instructions before starting to mount. There's also a Swedish video about the entire process on the FAQ page on [monroedesign.se](http://monroedesign.se).

## THE SURFACE.

A Monroe Design can be mounted on almost any smooth surface. Good surfaces are painted walls, doors, wallpaper, glass, metal, tiles and appliances. Porous surfaces with a structure - such as brick walls, concrete and untreated wood - are difficult to mount on as there may be air pockets between the surface and the decal. The less paint grain, the better. Lots of grain makes the wall uneven and harder to mount on. The more shine in the paint, the easier the decal sticks. Semi-gloss is most common and works well. Very matt paint is considerably harder and sometimes impossible to mount on. If the room is already painted with matt color, a back wall in a different and shinier color can be created for the decal. This usually works out really nice, as it turns the whole wall into a piece of art. The surface, on which your Monroe Design is to be installed, must be clean and dry. A painted wall usually does not have to be cleaned but make sure it has no greasy spots.

## TOOLS.

There are some tools that can facilitate the installation of a Monroe Design. A mounting scraper is always included. It has a soft side for wall mounting and a hard side for mounting on perfectly smooth surfaces, like glass. It may also be good to have something to measure with in order to position the decal in the right place. In addition, you may need something to cut with. A matte knife is preferred, but a scissor works fine too. A regular hair dryer makes it easier to rub the decal onto the surface to make it stick and to remove air bubbles underneath it.

## REMOVE THE BACKING PROTECTION FILM.

Your Monroe Design is surrounded by two protective films. The front is milky and semi-transparent, while the thicker backing paper is white with printed text. Please lay the decal on the floor, backside up. Start in a corner and pull off the thicker backing paper slowly. It is important that the entire decal remains on the sticky front, as you pull off the backing paper. If a piece of the decal happens to detach, back up, and pull the backing paper off again. The easiest way to do this, is to pull close along the the surface, as compared to straight upwards/outwards.

## WET MOUNTING ON GLASS & TILE.

If the mounting surface is completely smooth, like glass or tile, it is easiest to wet mount. Add a few drops of washing-up liquid in a spray bottle filled with water. Spray both the place where the decal is to be mounted and on the sticky side of the decal. Install the decal and squeeze the water to the sides using the mounting scraper. Wet mounting makes it easy to position the decal because it does not stick permanently right away. Always allow the semi-transparent application film to remain in place and dry for 2 days, before carefully removing it.

## DRY MOUNTING.

If you mount on wallpaper, the decal will immediately stick permanently. On a painted wall, it can be moved around as long as you have not rubbed it firmly. When the placement is correct, rub it firmly.

Gently pull off the front semi-transparent film. Rub out all air pockets between the decal and the surface. The decal should follow the structure of the surface completely. A small air pocket can easily be removed by making a tiny hole in it with a needle and rubbing the air out.

Rubbing the decal is easier with the heat from a hair dryer. Quickly heat up only a small area at a time and rub it immediately with the soft side of the scraper. Make sure the hair dryer does not heat the parts already fixed. They could loosen. The glue loses some of its ability to stick if heated more than once.

If a Monroe Design detaches with time, it is usually due to air pockets from the installation. Reactivate the glue using the heat from a hair dryer and rub the decal on to the surface firmly. As long as there are no air pockets between the surface and the decal, it will stick.

If you want to remove your Monroe Design, it usually does not leave any marks. Using heat from a hairdryer can make it easier to deinstall, if it has been up for a long time.