

Glass Finishes® Installation Guide

A specialty window film is an easy way to refresh a room or space. With the right prep and care, you can get a smooth, professional-looking result. Take your time, measure carefully and follow each step for the best outcome.

BEFORE YOU START

1. Make a wet solution spray

A wet spray helps the film glide smoothly and prevents bubbles. Mix 8–10 drops of mild dish soap (not hand soap) in a spray bottle of clean water. Shake gently to mix. Use a bit more soap if you're applying the film to acrylic.

2. Check the surface

The glass or surface must be clean and smooth. Spray some of the soapy water on it and run a single-edge razor gently across. If you hear a click, there's debris that could stop the film from sticking properly. Remove it with a non-scratch sponge or pad.

3. Set up your workspace

Work on a flat, clean surface where you can measure, mark and cut. Avoid fans or strong airflow; dust can settle on the film. It's best if the film is at room temperature for at least 24 hours before you start.

INSTALLATION STEPS

Step 1: Measure, cut and clean

Measure your window carefully. Cut the film slightly larger than the glass, leaving about 10-25mm extra on all sides. You'll trim the edges later.

Use the backing or a paper template to mark your cuts. Clean the glass thoroughly with a lint-free cloth or microfiber towel to remove all dust, dirt or grease.

Step 2: Peel and prepare

Place the film on a clean, flat surface with the backing facing up. Slowly peel it off, spraying the adhesive side with water as you go. For larger sheets, it helps to have two people. Wet your fingers before touching the adhesive to avoid fingerprints.

Step 3: Spray the surface

Spray plenty of the soapy water on both the glass and the adhesive side. Don't worry about using too much, extra water lets you move the film into place and disappears as it dries.

Step 4: Place and smooth

Hold the top corners and place the wet film on the wet glass, keeping it level. Let the edges hang slightly over. Spray the outside lightly, then use a squeegee to push out air bubbles and excess water, starting from the center and moving outward.

Step 5: Trim and finish

Check that the film is flat and smooth. Use a squeegee and razor to trim the edges. Wrap a squeegee with felt and press out any remaining bubbles or water toward the edges. The film will fully dry and stick firmly within a few days.