

## Project Skill Level: Novice DIY'er



### Step 1

Using 100-grit sandpaper, remove any loose debris from the cracked area.

**TIP:** Use a 5-in-1 painter's tool to widen cracks that are less than 1/4" wide. This will remove old caulking, paint, and other debris from the cracks and will allow the patching material to bond tightly to the damaged area.



### Step 2

Again using 100-grit sandpaper, lightly sand any raised or rough areas. Remove any dust or debris from the area with a water-dampened rag.



### Step 3

Using a putty knife, spread a thin layer of patching material into the cracked area. Allow it to dry.

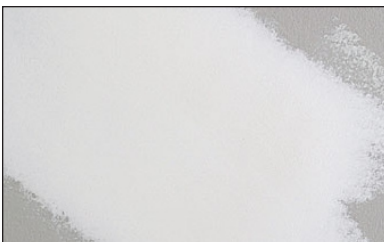
**TIP:** To create an even surface, always smooth out (feather) the patching material 1"-2" beyond the repaired area.



### Step 4

Use 220-grit sandpaper to smooth the patched area and make it even with the surface.

**TIP:** If shrinking of the patching material occurs, lightly sand and clean the area and apply additional layers of patching material as needed.










### Step 5

Remove any final dust or debris from the finished repair.

**TIP:** If retexturing of the surface is necessary, choose a finish that will match the existing surface. Textured ceiling/wall patch kits are available in aerosol and powder forms. Follow the manufacturer's recommendations for application.

## Suggested Equipment

-  5-in-1 Tool
-  Vinyl Gloves
-  Ladder
-  Patching Material

-  Protective Apparel
-  Putty Knife
-  Rags