

How to Repair a Hole

Project Skill Level: Intermediate DIY'er



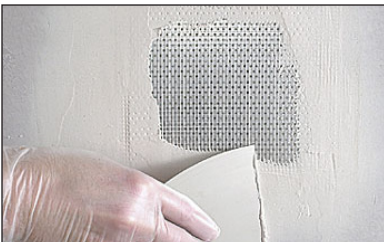
Step 1

Using 100-grit sandpaper, lightly sand the damaged area. Sand 4"–6" beyond the perimeter of the hole as well. Remove any dust or debris with a lightly water-dampened rag.



Step 2

Cover the hole with an appropriately sized self-adhesive wall patch and press firmly.



Step 3

Using a putty knife, apply 4 inches of patching material around the perimeter of the wall patch. Allow it to dry.

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



Step 4

Again using a putty knife, apply patching material over the repaired area and feather it 6"–8" beyond the edges. Allow it to dry.



Step 5

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

TIP: Take care not to sand completely through the patching material as damage to the patch can occur.



Step 6

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



Vinyl Gloves



Ladder



Patching Material



Protective Apparel



Putty Knife



Rags



Sandpaper (100, 220 Grit)



Self-Adhesive Wall Patch