



HOW TO

Fix a large hole in the wall (1" diameter or more)

RECOMMENDED PRODUCTS:

- DAP® CrackSHOT® High Performance Spackling Paste
- DAP® DryDex® Dry Time Indicator Spackling
- DAP® Wall Repair Patch Kit
- DAP® Presto Patch™ Drywall Repair

These spackling compounds can be used to fill large holes and cracks in walls and ceilings before painting. Each product offers an easy-to-use formula that provides professional looking repairs that will not crack or crumble. The instructions below should be followed for large holes. A large hole is one that is 1" or more in diameter in drywall, plaster or masonry surfaces. For holes smaller than 1" in diameter, follow the instructions for fixing a small hole.

PAINTABLE, CLEAN-UP AND OTHER INFORMATION:

Generally, spackling products are sandable, paintable and clean up easily with water before drying. Carefully read all label instructions before beginning your project. See the product attribute chart for select DAP products providing valuable information to aid in your product selection.

THIS IS A GREAT PROJECT TO:



Restore the appearance of walls and ceilings

Prepare surfaces prior to painting

PROJECT INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Be sure to read the entire package to ensure you have all materials the job will require and to budget for dry times in your project. *Carefully review all safety precautions on the package.*
2. Clean and dry the surface you will be repairing to ensure it is free of all dirt and foreign material. Also ensure that the surface is structurally sound.
3. Sand and smooth rough edges around the area to be repaired.
4. If using a wall repair patch, please follow directions on product packaging for specific application instructions.
5. Open patching compound container and using a clean putty knife, stir the product thoroughly before use. If you have selected a product in a squeeze tube, knead the tube prior to use and then remove the cap and cut the nozzle with scissors or a utility knife to the desired opening size.
6. Scoop or squeeze a quarter-sized amount of product onto a clean putty knife. Apply the spackling over the patch, following instructions and warnings on the spackling package.
7. Feather edges out to surrounding area by gradually blending your repair into the existing surface.
8. Allow spackling to dry before sanding (approximately 1–5 hours depending on temperature, humidity and depth of fill). Wet sanding is recommended to avoid generation of dust. (Please refer to product label for dust inhalation warnings.) If using DAP® DryDex®, spackling will change color to white when surface can accept a second application or is ready to be sanded or painted. For exterior applications, always topcoat with high-quality exterior-grade paint. Application of a primer prior to painting surface may help decrease or eliminate flashing or glossing of paint.
9. Repeat if necessary to achieve desired finish, cleaning the area after each sanding.
10. Clean tools immediately after use following instructions on spackling package.
11. Close the spackling lid tightly to preserve the product for your next project. Store in a cool, dry place.

WHICH PRODUCT SHOULD I USE?

DAP® CrackSHOT® High Performance Spackling Paste

Paintable: YES

Sanding: LIGHT OR FINGER SANDING

Time before painting: 1-5 HOURS

Clean-up: WATER



DAP® DryDex® Dry Time Indicator Spackling

Paintable: YES

Sanding: SANDS EASILY

Time before painting: 1-5 HOURS

Clean-up: WATER



DAP® Wall Repair Patch Kit*

For a complete project solution try the DAP® Wall Repair Patch Kit which includes everything you need in a convenient kit:

- DAP® DryDex® Dry Time Indicator Spackling
- 4" x 4" flexible, self-adhesive perforated aluminum patch
- 4" x 3" 100-grit sand paper
- putty knife



DAP® Presto Patch™ Drywall Repair

A simple, structural & invisible solution for permanently & easily repairing holes in drywall. Product includes:

- 1 pre-cut drywall circle with oversized taping paper attached
- Foam template



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