



# HOW TO

# Fix a small hole in the wall (1" diameter or less)

## RECOMMENDED PRODUCTS:

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

These spackling compounds can be used to fill small holes and cracks in the 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 small holes only. A small hole is one that is less than 1" in diameter in drywall, plaster or masonry surfaces. For holes larger than 1" in diameter, follow the instructions for fixing a large 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

Hide nail holes

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. Open patching compound container carefully 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.
4. Scoop or squeeze a quarter-sized amount of product onto a clean putty knife. Press the spackling off of the knife into the hole and pull down while pressing against the wall to ensure the spackling is pressed back into the hole. For a smoother finish, dip the putty knife in water and lightly smooth the spackling. One application is usually sufficient for small repairs less than 1/4" in diameter. For holes 1/4" to 1" in diameter, two or more layers may be required, however, allow spackling to dry completely between applications.
5. Product may be sanded or painted in approximately 1-5 hours (depending on temperature, humidity and depth of fill) or according to the product label. 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.
6. Clean tools immediately after use with water.
7. 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



\*If using DAP® Wall Repair Patch Kit, please follow directions on product packaging for specific application instructions.