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How To Repair Large Holes In Plasterboard

In this recipe we specify "large" holes (Fig. 44A) because they are the most troublesome, though not especially difficult to patch. Essentially, the same procedure is followed as for patching smaller holes; the only real difference is that you do not have to use newspaper as filler for smaller holes.

Utensils

Mixing pan
Paintbrush, 3" to 4" inches
Spackling knife, 1" to 1/2" inch
12" inch steel trowel

Ingredients

Newspaper
Mortar Mix
Spackle or plastering mix, not plaster of paris
Premix taping compound

Approximate Time: 45 Minutes

1. Fill in large hole with wads of newspaper (Fig. 44B).
2. Mix quantity of mortar mix.
3. Dip brush into water and wet down newspaper and broken periphery of hole.
4. Apply mortar mix to entire periphery of hole, applying some of the mixture onto the newspaper wads as well (Fig. 44C).
5. Repeat process until edges of hole and newspaper are entirely covered with mortar mix. Make no attempt at this point to fill in the entire hole.
6. Allow to dry overnight.
7. In the morning, prepare enough Spackle to fill in rest of hole.
8. Apply Spackle onto 12" inch trowel and spread into hole until flush with existing surface.
9. Dip paintbrush into water and wet down patched area.
10. Retrowel to create smooth surface.
11. Let dry.
12. Apply taping compound as final coat, using a 12" inch trowel for a really smooth surface (Fig. 44D).

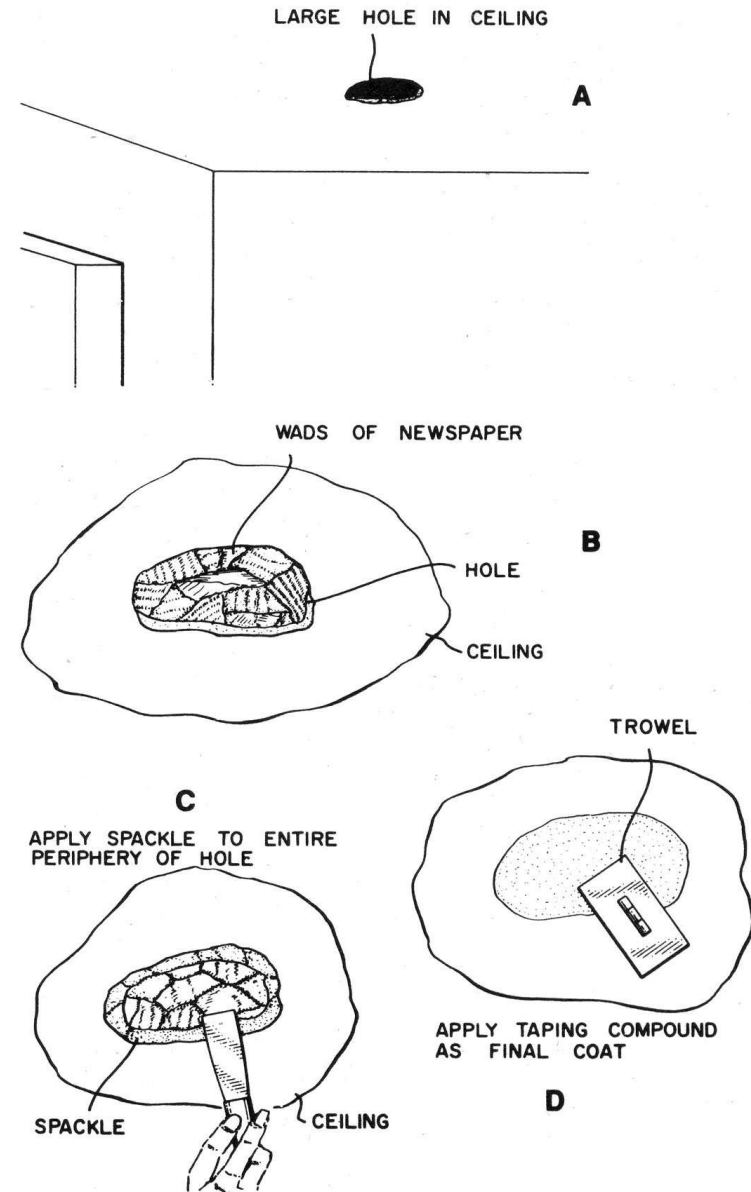


Figure 44.
Patching Walls with Plaster