



Are unsightly holes in your plaster driving you up the wall? The good news is they're easy to fix, and with the right materials and know-how, your walls will be sitting pretty for years to come, no matter what life throws at them.

## TOOL CHECKLIST

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sanding block or Electric sander | <input type="checkbox"/> Screwdriver       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sponge                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Drill             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bucket                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Vacuum            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Broad knife                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Stud finder       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Filling Blade                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Carpenters Pencil |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Utility Knife                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Dust Mask         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Keyhole Saw                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Safety Goggles    |

## MATERIALS CHECKLIST

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Plasterboard sheet (size dependent on the area being repaired) | <input type="checkbox"/> Fine grit sandpaper    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plaster Cement (powdered or pre mixed)                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Drop Sheet             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plasterboard adhesive  | <input type="checkbox"/> Plasterboard adhesive  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plasterboard joining tape                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Small pieces of timber |

## HINTS & TIPS

When plastering, it's a good idea to wear safety goggles and a dust mask as this will protect your eyes and help prevent inhalation of plaster dust.

## REPAIRING SMALL HOLES

### STEP 1 PREPARATION



Picture 01

Prepare the area by removing any loose plaster with a utility knife. Using a damp sponge or vacuum remove any dust.

### STEP 2 APPLICATION



Picture 02

Mix your plaster cement following the manufacturer's instructions or use a pre-mixed product.



Picture 03

Using a filling blade, apply the first layer, and allow it to dry as per manufacturer's specifications. It is recommended to apply a second coat, when dry, sand it down with a fine grit paper until the filled area is flush with the wall.



Picture 04

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## REPAIRING LARGE HOLES



Picture 05

When fixing big holes and cracks, you will need to cut out the damaged area and replace it with a new piece of plasterboard.

Cut out a new piece of plasterboard that's as thick as the plaster you're replacing, and large enough to cover the damaged area. Mark its outline on the wall, and, using a screwdriver, punch a hole in each corner of the marked area.



Picture 07

Using a piece of timber, screw it behind the existing wall to act as a backing. Make sure you countersink the screws below the wall's surface so you can fill them in later.



Picture 09

To finish up, apply a thin layer of filling compound over the joints until the tape and screw holes are covered using a broad knife. Let it dry, then sand it until it's flush with the rest of the wall.

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Picture 06

Cut along your outline with a keyhole saw, being careful not to hit any plumbing or electrical wiring. It is a good idea to use a stud finder to ensure that you do not hit any studs or framing. Break up the pieces and remove them carefully.



Picture 08

Apply adhesive to the timber backing, then position your replacement plasterboard in the hole and secure with countersunk screws so the timber backing is supporting the plasterboard. Place joining tape along the join, making sure you don't overlap the tape.



Picture 10

To make the repair less visible, apply a second layer of filling with a broader spread, and sand in a circular motion with a fine-grit paper.

Now you can step back and admire a job that will look great for years to come.