



HANDYBOARD™

REPAIRING HOLES AND CRACKS IN PLASTERBOARD



SCAN THE BARCODE TO
ACCESS PDF



REPAIRING A LARGE HOLE IN PLASTERBOARD

WHAT YOU WILL NEED

- Fibreglass Tape
- All purpose jointing compound
- 2 timber battens 100mm longer than the width of the hole
- Plasterboard screws
- Piece of plasterboard the same thickness as the wall plasterboard

TOOLS

- Trimming Knife
- 150mm broad knife
- Measuring tape and pencil
- Screwdriver
- Keyhole saw
- 150-grit sanding sheet and hand sander
- Cordless drill

Exclusive to

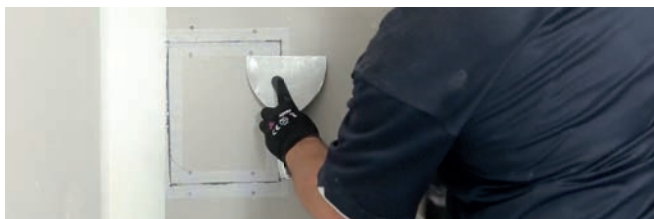
MITRE 10
MEGA



REMOVE AND REPLACE DAMAGED PLASTERBOARD

1. Cut a piece of plasterboard large enough to completely cover the damaged area. Mark its outline on the wall with a pencil, then punch a hole in each corner of the marked area with a screwdriver.
2. Using the keyhole saw, cut along the outline. Be careful NOT to hit any plumbing or electrical wiring behind the sheet. Remove the damaged section of plasterboard.
3. Screw the timber battens behind the plasterboard sheet – countersinking the screws slightly below the board's surface so they can be filled later, taking care not to break the paper face.
4. Position the replacement piece of plasterboard into the hole and screw it to the timber battens, as per above instructions.





FINISHING THE REPAIRED PLASTERBOARD

1. Centre a strip of fibreglass tape over the centre of the joints – be careful NOT to overlap it.
2. Apply first coat of all purpose jointing compound using a broad knife – spread it over the joints until the tape is lightly covered. Allow to dry for 24 hours, or longer in cool conditions, then sand lightly.
3. Apply second and third finishing coats of all purpose jointing compound, feathering out from the edge of the patch with a thin coat each time so the repaired area is less visible. Leave the compound to dry then sand between each coat.
4. Once the third coat is thoroughly dry, sand lightly to create a smooth finish for painting.



SAFETY FIRST!

- Ensure any ladders, scaffolding, trestles or planks you use are adequate and safe
- Read cautionary notes on all product packaging
- Wear safety gloves when using sharp tools
- Wear a dust mask and eye protection when sanding
- We recommend you consult with a licensed electrician and/or plumber about any electrical wiring and/or plumbing requirements, prior to installing plasterboard





REPAIRING CRACKS IN PLASTERBOARD

WHAT YOU WILL NEED

- Patching Plaster compound
- Joint Finish compound

TOOLS

- 100mm broad knife
- 150-grit sanding sheet and hand sander or a soft sanding block

1. Ensure the surface to be repaired is clean, dry and free of any loose material.
2. Mix the Patching Plaster according to the instructions. Don't mix more than you can use within half an hour.
3. Using the broad knife, press the Patching Plaster compound firmly into the crack. Scrape away excess plaster and allow it to set for 2-3 hours, or longer in humid conditions.
4. Apply a second coat if necessary, tapering beyond the edges of the crack and allow to dry again.
5. Lightly sand until smooth, then apply a finishing coat of finishing compound with the broad knife, spreading it lightly beyond the edges of the crack.
6. Allow to dry thoroughly for 24 hours, then sand lightly before painting.



**HandyBoard Plasterboard is
BRANZ Appraised.**



**FOR MORE INFORMATION
AND HELPFUL HINTS VISIT:**

handyboard.co.nz