



# Patching a Hole in Drywall

This guide will show the basic principles of how to patch a small hole in a wall.

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## INTRODUCTION

After a big party in your apartment, have you ever found a chunk of drywall knocked out of your wall? If so, follow this repair guide to bring your party palace back to its original splendor and get your security deposit back.

### TOOLS:

- [Allway Putty Knife 3-pack \(1\)](#)
- [Spackle \(1\)](#)
- [String \(1\)](#)
- [Adhesive Wall Repair Patch \(1\)](#)
- [400 Grit Sandpaper \(1\)](#)
- [Paint \(1\)](#)
- [Small Paintbrush \(1\)](#)

## Step 1 — Patching a Hole in Drywall



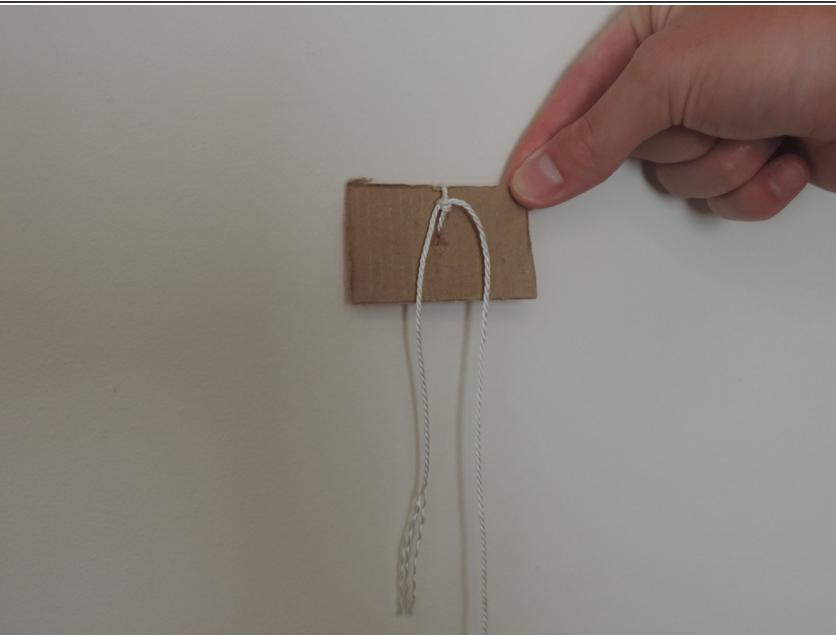
- Here you have a typical hole. It has broken into the drywall and needs to be repaired.
- This hole is approximately 2" X 2".

## Step 2



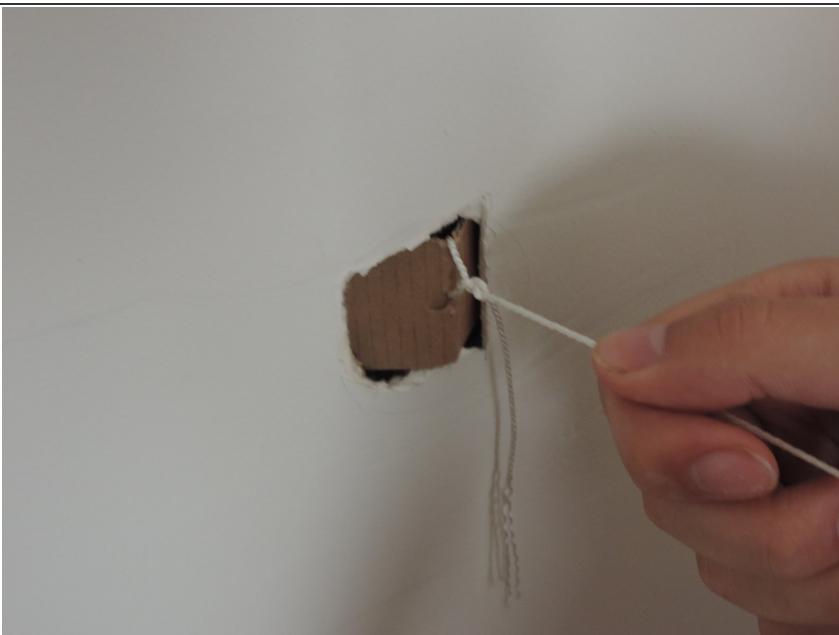
- For this fix, you will need (from left to right): an adhesive wall repair patch, spackle, string, a putty knife, and sand paper.
- NOT PICTURED: Paint that matches the color of the wall you are fixing and the scrap of cardboard used in the hole.

## Step 3



- Use a scrap piece of cardboard and tie about 9 inches of string around it.
- You will need the strongest piece of cardboard available to ensure a better fix.

## Step 4



- Put the cardboard in the hole.
- Pull the string so that the cardboard is flush with the wall.
- This step makes it easier to plaster.

## Step 5



- Plaster the hole carefully, and be sure to keep the string taut during this process.

## Step 6



- Once the plaster is started, let it dry (will require several hours).
- Find a way to keep it straight, as seen here with this door knob.

## Step 7



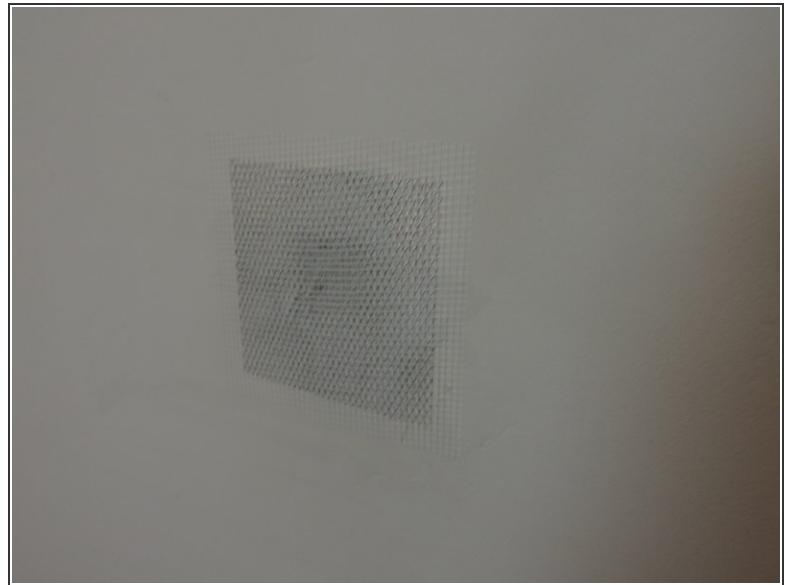
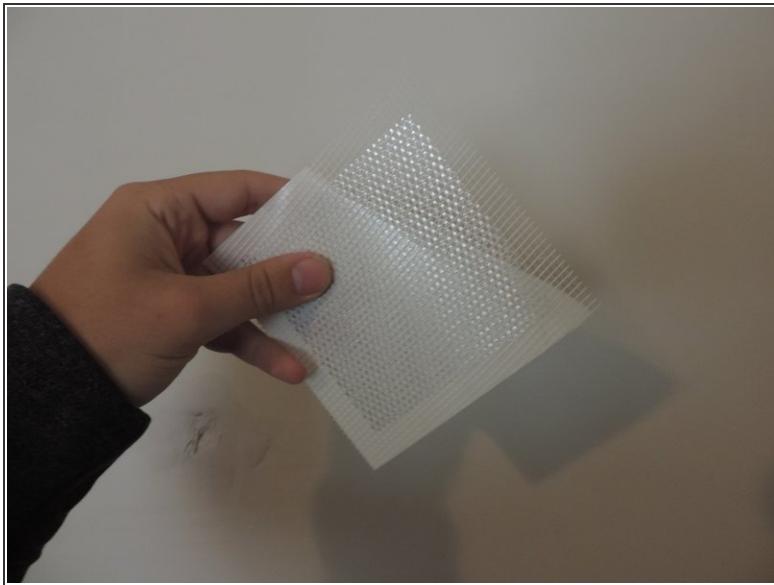
- Once dry, continue to plaster up the hole completely.

## Step 8



- Prepare the sand paper and begin to sand off all excess bumps and lumps.
- Cut off the extra string.

## Step 9



- Peel off the adhesive wall patch from it's wax paper.
- Center the patch on the hole and seal it down.

## Step 10



- For this next step, you will apply plaster to the patched area.
- Apply until the patch is no longer visible.

## Step 11



- To finish this repair, you will want to apply paint. It will make the finished product more attractive, as seen here.
- *i* In order to show the repaired hole, only one coat of paint was applied. Add at least 2 coats to fully cover up the repair.

Now go throw another party, and work you way back to being the party king!