



# Superficial Drywall Ceiling Crack Repair

Do ceiling cracks keep you up at night? This guide shows a simple technique for cosmetically covering ceiling cracks.

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## INTRODUCTION

It is very important to understand that a crack in drywall, specifically in the ceiling, could indicate structural damage. Be sure to check the framing of the room and fix any problems before fixing cracks in your ceiling.

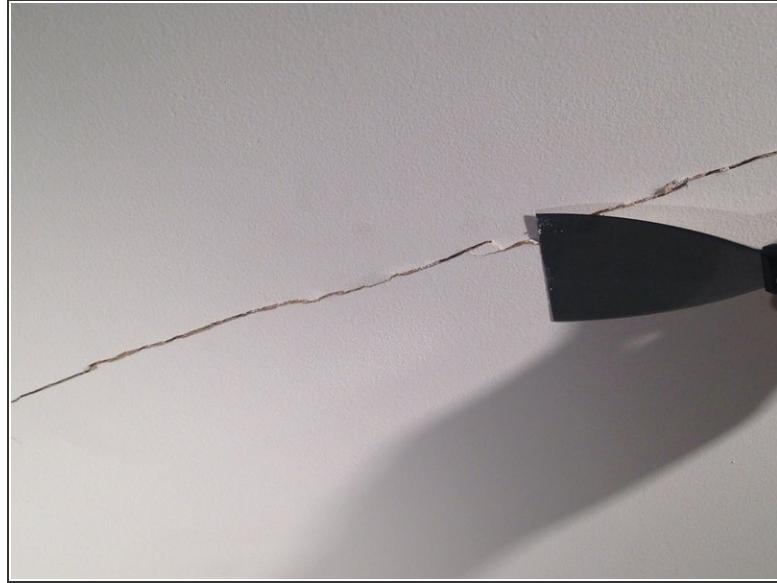
### TOOLS:

- Five-in-One (1)
- 4" Putty Knife (1)
- Paint Roller or Brush (1)
- Medium Grit Sand Paper (1)

### PARTS:

- Drywall Joint Compound (1)
- Mesh Tape (1)
- Paint and Primer to Match Your Ceiling's Color (1)

## Step 1 — Superficial Drywall Ceiling Crack Repair



- Use a utility knife or five-in-one to remove loose paint or drywall from inside the crack.
- Don't gouge the ceiling but firmly scrape parallel to the crack. Scraping perpendicularly to the crack will only cause more damage.

## Step 2



- Use mesh tape to tape over the crack.
- Try to use long pieces of tape, if possible taping the entire crack with one piece.
- It is also important to keep each piece of tape centered on the crack.

## Step 3



- Use either a five-in-one or a putty knife to spread the compound.
- Spread drywall joint compound over the tape so that it appears flat.
- Use more joint compound than you need rather than less. You will sand off excess later.
- Make sure to cover the tape completely.

## Step 4



- After the compound has completely dried sand down any ridges that resulted from the putty knife.
- This step will be messy! Everything in the room will get some dust on it, so either use dropcloths or be ready to clean when you're done.
- Also, be careful not to get dust in your eyes, or inhale dust. You may wish to wear goggles and a dust mask.
- Don't sand into the tape.
- You still want the compound to cover the tape and its contours completely.

## Step 5



- Prime and paint the ceiling.
- Use a primer and paint that has been matched to your ceiling by a paint shop.
- The primer can be any color that is the same or lighter than your ceiling color.

It is important to note that a crack in drywall may indicate a more critical problem with the framing in your walls or ceiling. Please do not assume that this repair will prevent further cracking.