

Step 1 - measure the damaged area.



Step 2 - trace out a piece of drywall 1/2" larger than the dimensions of the damaged area.



Step 3 - to cut the drywall; score the paper on one side of the drywall over the line you had traced.



Step 4 - pick up the "scored" drywall and snap the drywall piece in two.



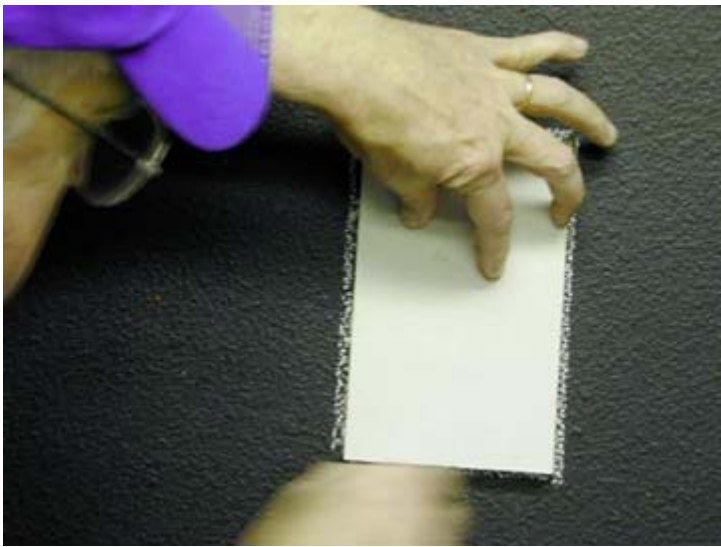
Step 5 - take your blade and cut the opposite side of the drywall down the seam made by the break.



Step 6 - take the side of the drywall that you had measured out for the "patch" for you hole.



Step 7 - using the replacement piece as a template, carefully trace around it.



Step 8 - make sure that your patch is large enough to cover the hole.



Step 9 - take your screwdriver and place the tip of it in one of the corners of the square you had traced. Tap the screwdriver with a hammer to puncture a hole in that corner. Make holes in all four corners of your traced square.



Step 10 - insert your saw blade into the hole you had punched with the screwdriver and begin to saw around the hole. (you may use a serrated steak knife if you cut slow and clean the blade often.)



Step 11 - continue sawing on the traced outline until all four sides are cut.



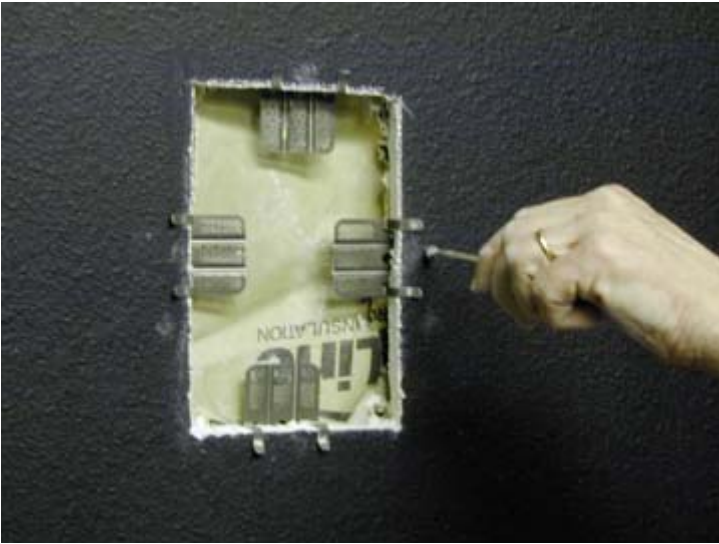
Step 12 - remove the piece of drywall with the hole in it!



Step 13 - slip the Insta-back[®] clips on all four sides of the new hole.



Step 14 - screw thru the wall into the Insta-backs[®] approximately 3/4" from the edge and center between tabs. If the screw does not immediately grab the Insta-back[®] you may want to apply more pressure, or hold Insta-back[®] in place, while your screw picks up the perforation in the clip.



Step 15 - attach all four screws, making sure all screw heads are slightly recessed below the wall surface. Place the new piece into the hole.



Step 16 - screw into replacement piece opposite the existing screws, approximately 3/4" from the edge. Again recess all screw heads slightly below the drywall surface.



Step 17 - wiggle the tabs that are left sticking out of the crack until each one breaks off.



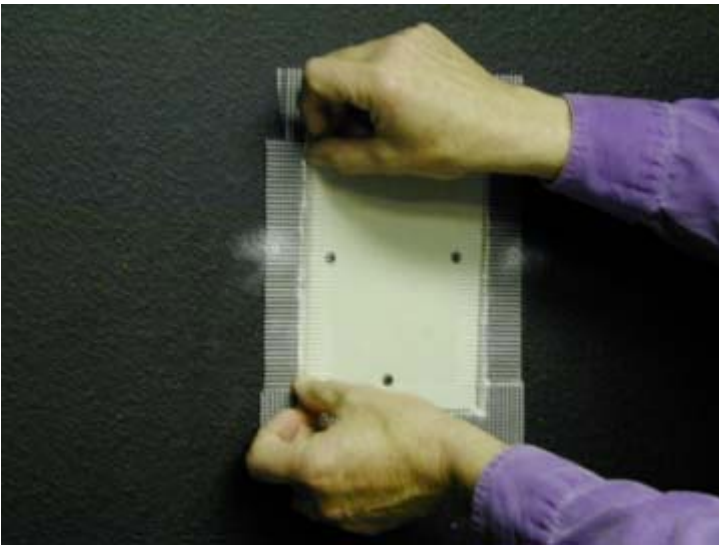
Step 18 - continue wiggling all the tabs until all are broken off.



Step 19 - apply the "sticky side" of the fiberglass tape (provided in kit) and center over the crack that runs along the outside of the replacement piece.



Step 20 - place the tape on all four sides of the replacement piece. Do not overlap the tape (it would cause the wall to have bumps where the tape overlaps).



Step 21 - use clean water and mixing utensils. The bottom of the "clamshell" may be used as a mixing bowl. Pour half of the joint treatment into the "clamshell".



Step 22 - slowly add approximately 1/4 cup water to your powder. It only takes a small amount of water to make the compound. The compound needs to be a peanut butter like consistency!



Step 23 - using the stir stick provided in the kit, mix the compound until all lumps are gone. Feel free to add more water or more powder to make the perfect consistency.



Step 24 - take the spreader that is provided for you in the repair kit. Dip it into the joint treatment compound and spread gently along the taped edges of the patch.



Step 25 - spread evenly along all four sides. Make sure the tape is completely covered with a thin coat of the joint compound.



Step 26 - the joint compound will dry in approximately 90 minutes.



Step 27 - a drying tip: to speed up the drying process take a hair drier and blow on the patch. Do not leave the heat blowing in a single spot for too long. Slowly blow on the compound in a circular motion.



Step 28 - continue to blow dry the area until the mud is completely dry or let sit until dry.



Step 29 - when the compound is completely dry, sand until smooth. Then apply another coat. Smooth out with the applicator. Make sure all the tape is covered and the compound is spread evenly.



Step 30 - let second application dry (use "quick dry" method if you wish). Sand the patch until it is flush with the existing wall.



Step 31 - apply additional thin coats as needed. To achieve a blended surface. When final coat is completely dry. You may add texture to your wall to match the previous existing wall. Paint to match and you have completed your repair.

