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REPAIRING MINOR DAMAGE

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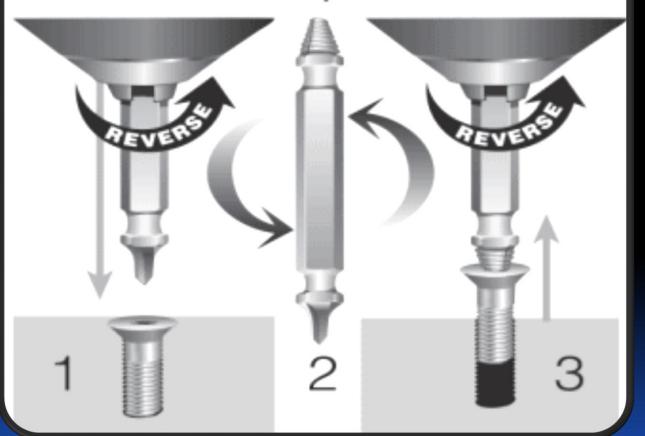






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1. Burnish 2. Flip tool 3. Extract





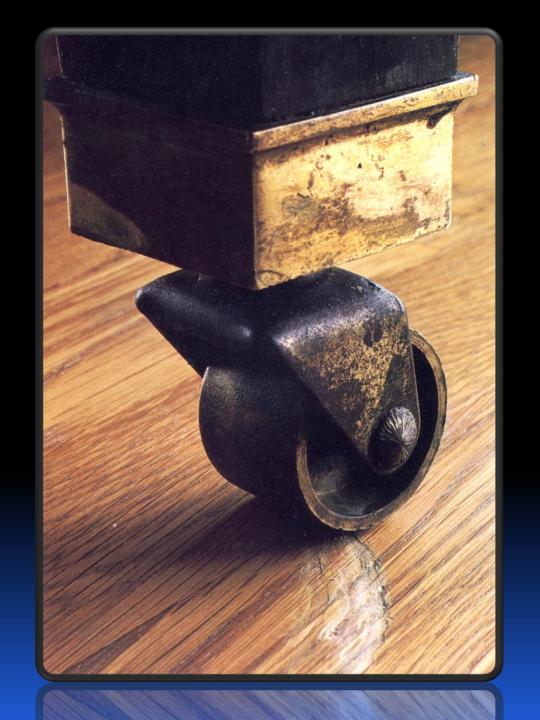


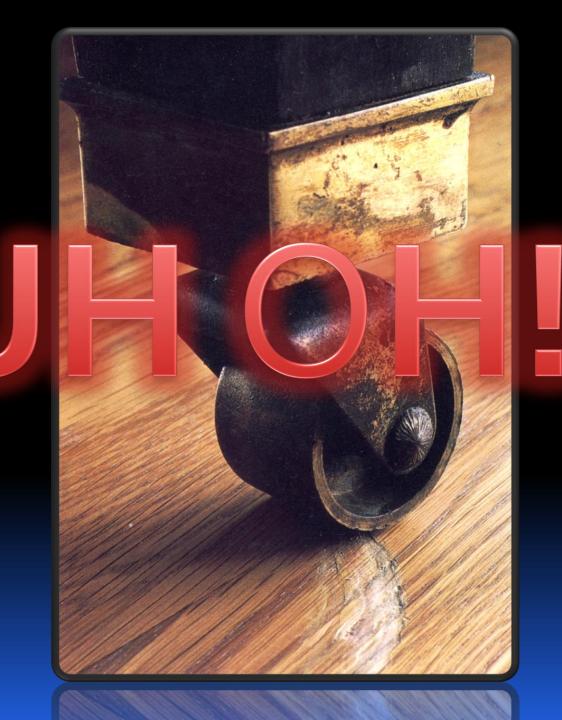


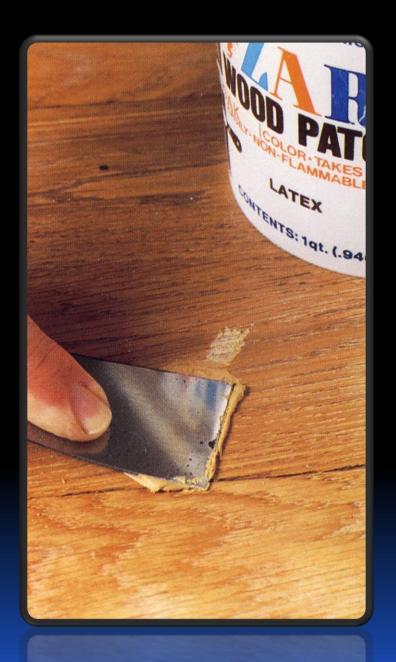




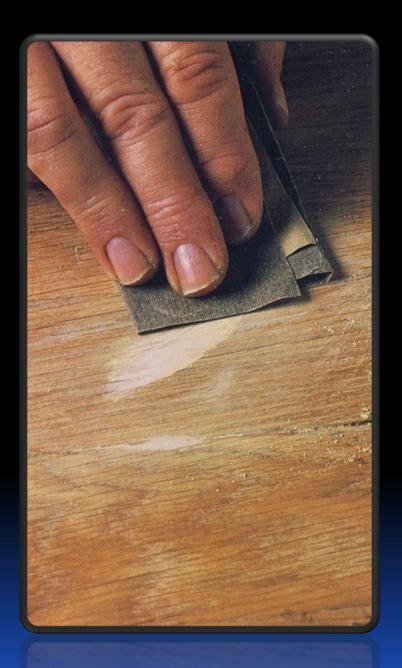








1. Apply a latex wood patch (available in various wood tones) to fill in the damaged area.



Sand the wood
patch smooth with
fine sandpaper.
 Sand in the direction
of wood grain.



3. Apply wood restorer with a clean cloth, and blend it into the existing finish.

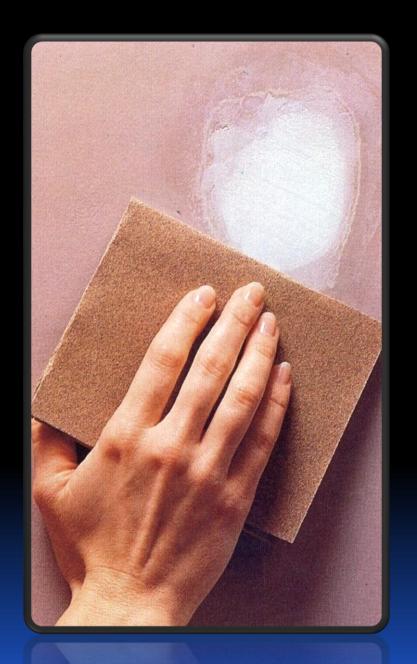
FIXING A SMALL DENT OR HOLE IN DRYWALL



1. Scrape, cut or sand away any loose, frayed or bunched paper around the damaged area to ensure a solid base for patching.

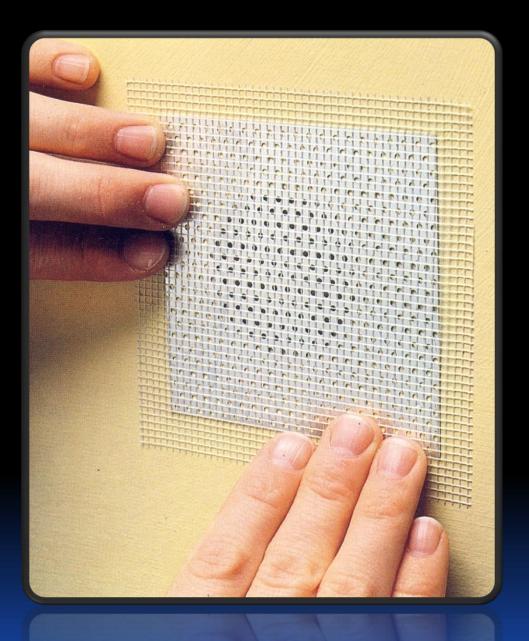


2. Fill the hole with lightweight spackle. Apply spackle with the smallest wallboard knife that will span the entire hole. Let the spackle dry.

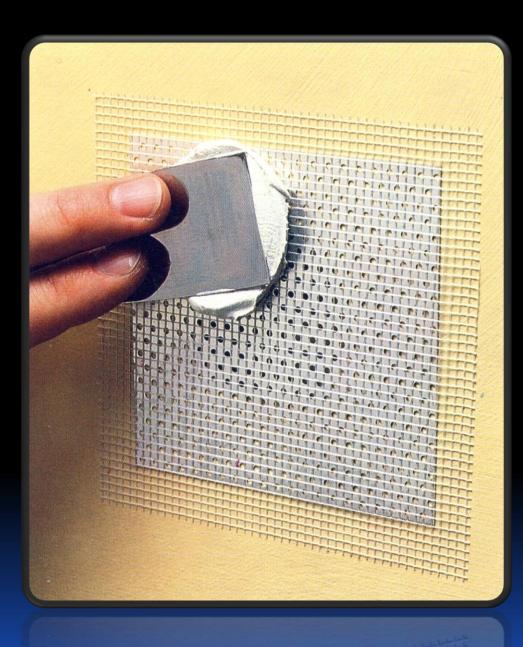


3. Sand the patch lightly with 150 grit sandpaper, preferably on a sanding block.

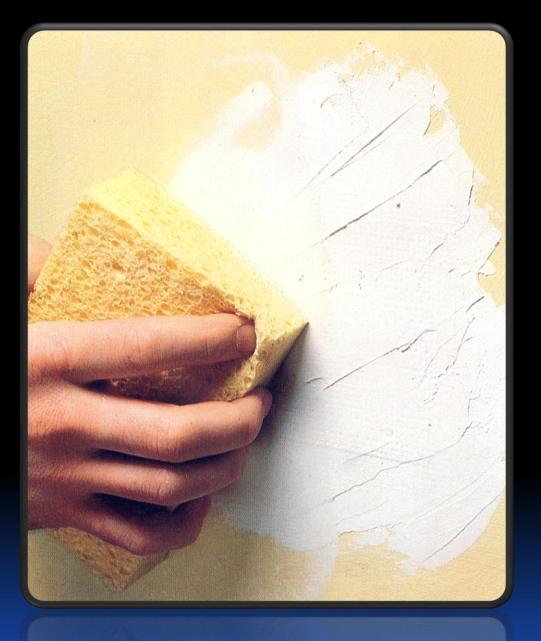
REPAIRING A SMALL HOLE IN DRYMALL



1. Cover the hole with a peel and stick repair patch. Patches are available in several sizes and can be cut or shaped as needed.

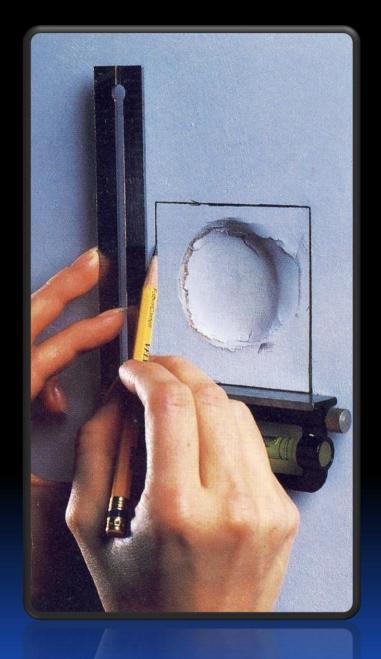


2. Cover patch with spackle or wallboard compound. Two coats may be needed. Let patch set until nearly dry.

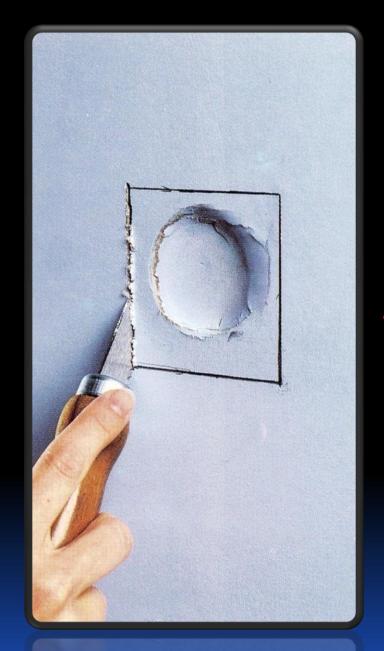


3. Use a damp sponge or wallboard wet sander to smooth the repair area. This eliminates dust caused by dry sanding.

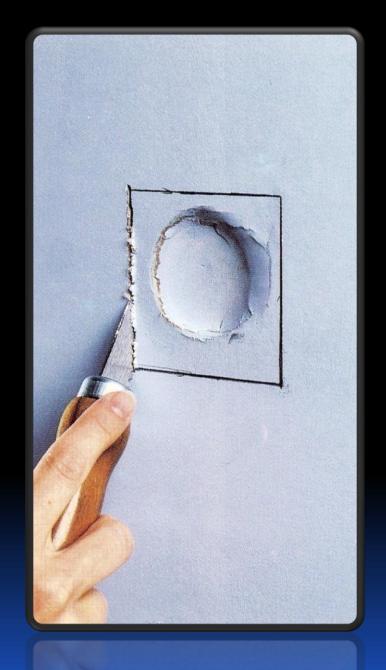
REPAIRING A LAKGE HOLE IN DRYWALL



1. Outline the damaged area with a square or straightedge.



2. Cut around the outline with a wallboard saw or jigsaw. A keyhole saw can be used after drilling a hole at each corner. Do not let the cutout drop behind the wall.



3. Use the cutout as a pattern for a patch that is made from wallboard of the same thickness.



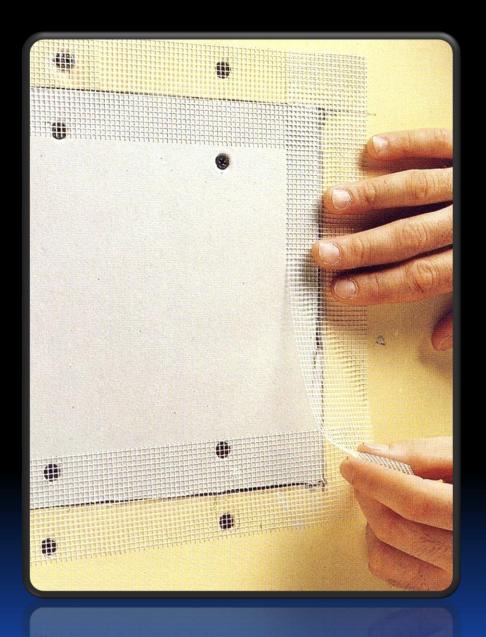
4. Cut a wallboard "backer" to hold the patch. Use a hot glue gun or contact cement to hold the backer inside the hole.



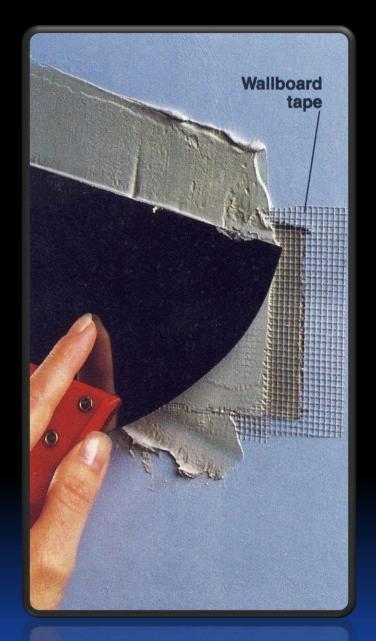
5. Apply hot glue or contact cement to the back of the patch, and press against the backer until the glue sets.



4. As an alternative, especially for larger holes, wood can be used as a backer and secured with 1 1/4 " wallboard screws.



5. The patch can then be attached to the backer with 1 1/4" wallboard screws. Cover the screws and cracks with wallboard tape.



6. Cover the tape with premixed wallboard compound using a wallboard knife.



7. Apply a second layer of compound. Let it dry, then sand lightly with a wet sander or sandpaper to smooth the patch.

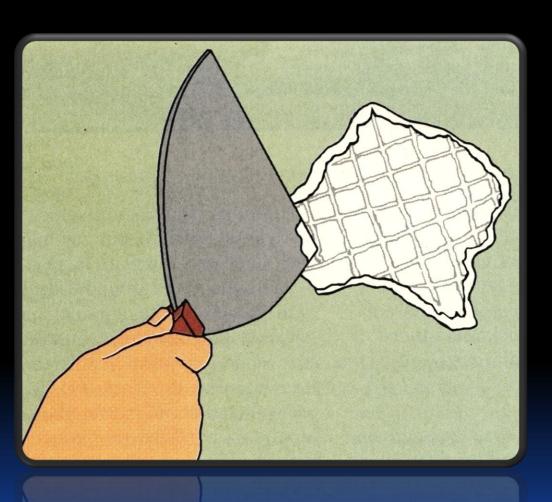
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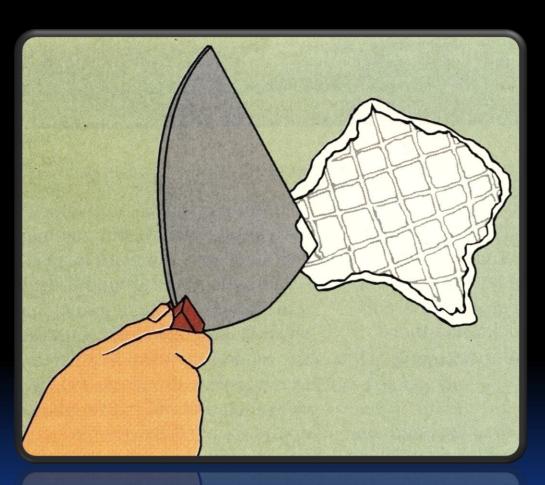
1. With a putty knife, clear away any loose or crumbling plaster from the edges of the hole, leaving sound plaster all around. If this enlarges the hole to more than 6 inches across, or if you find damaged lath underneath the plaster, it may be best to call in



2. To help lock the patching material in place, scrape some of the plaster from behind the edges; a can opener works well. This makes the hole wider at the base than at the surface. This is



3. Moisten the edges of the hole and, if it is made of wood, the lath. Apply patching plaster to the edges, then fill the rest of the hole with plaster to about 1/4" below the surface. While the plaster is still wet, score its surface to provide a better



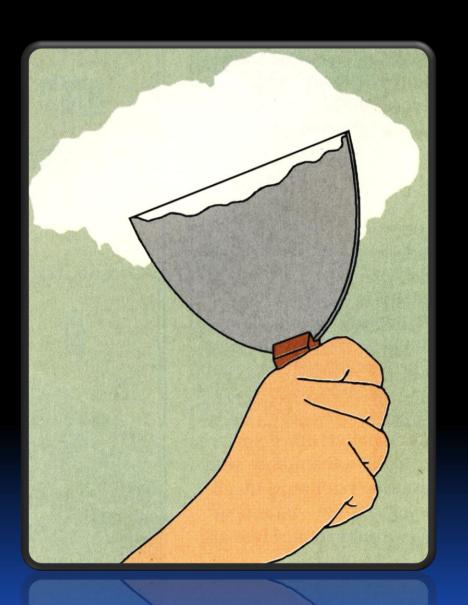
Let the plaster set for 30 minutes.



4. Dampen the scored layer and 2 or 3 inches of undamaged surface around the hole. Fill the hole to the surface with plaster, spreading it an inch or so beyond the hole's edges. Draw the knife blade evenly over the patched area to



Let the plaster set.



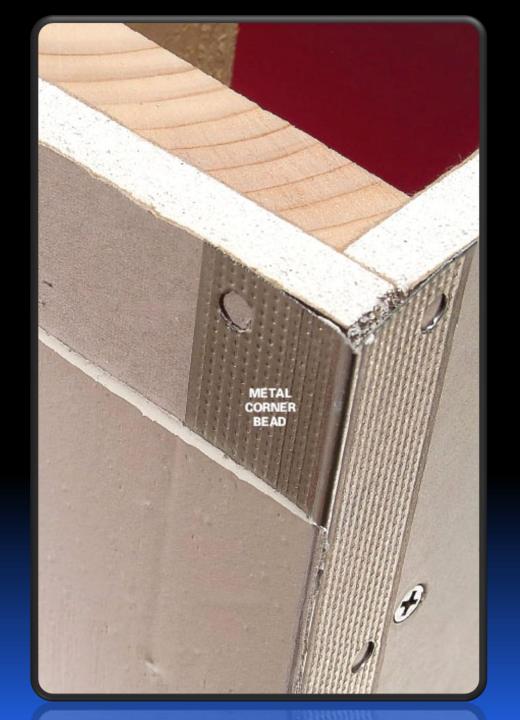
5. Cover the filled hole with a smooth layer of joint or spackling compound. Spread the material an inch or so beyond the edges of the patching plaster.



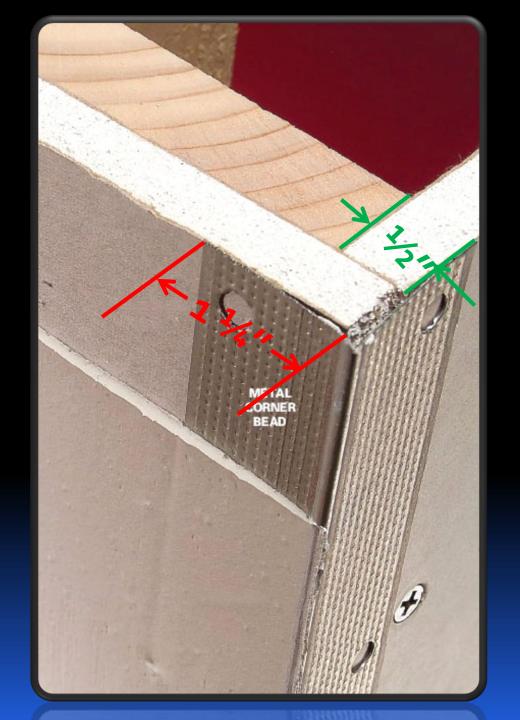
6. Let the patch dry for several days.
Sand the area smooth and feather the edges of the patch into the surrounding surface.

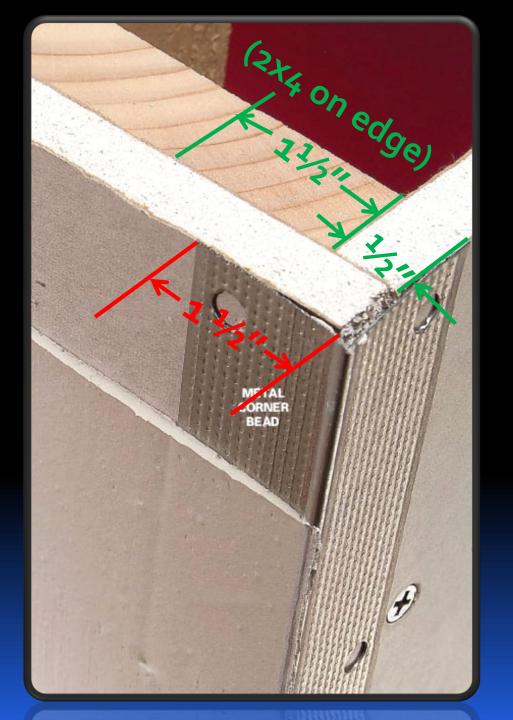
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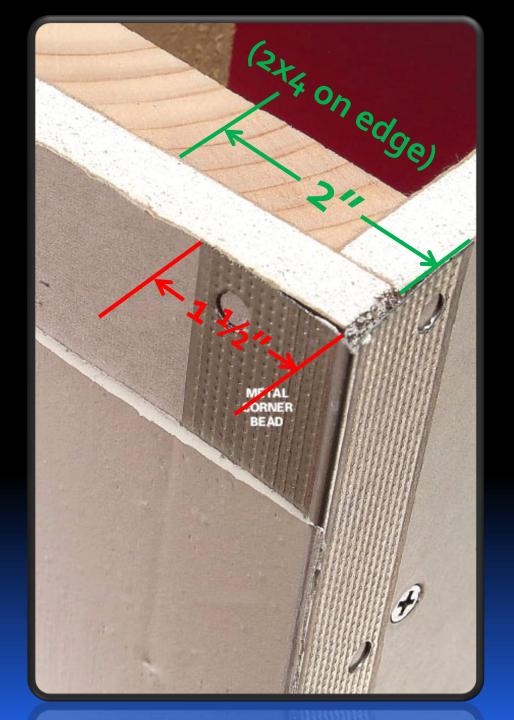




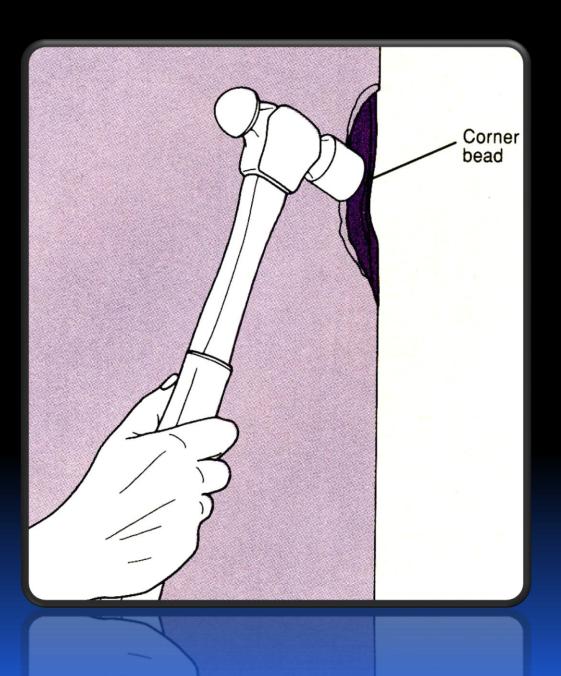




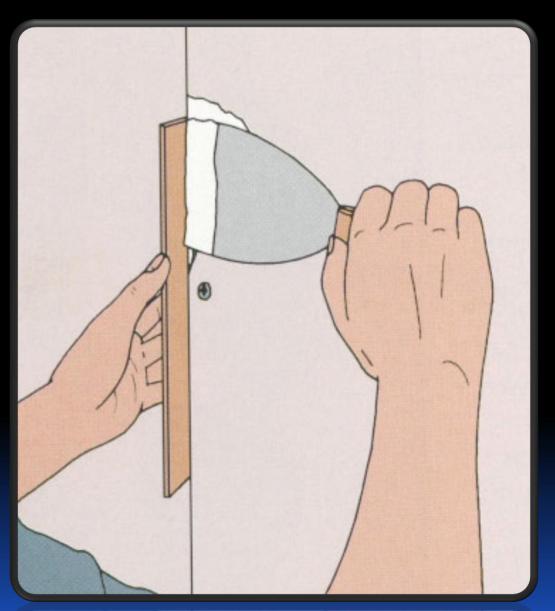




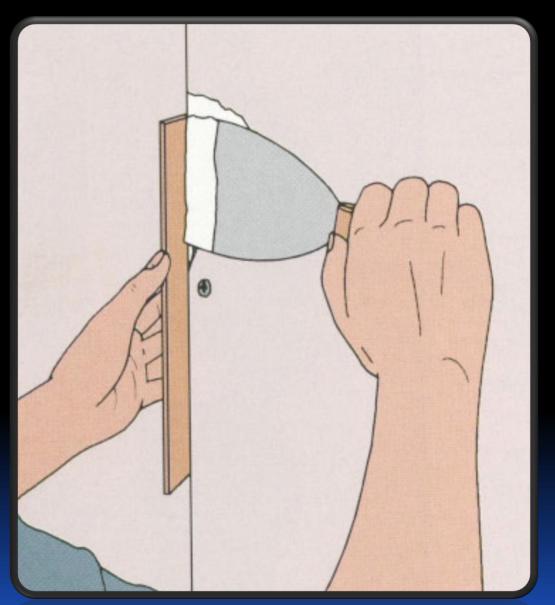




To straighten a bent corner bead use a ballpeen hammer or a small mallet. Lightly tap the dented corner bead to straighten it. If vibrations from the hammer blows start to loosen or crack the surrounding plaster or drywall, use pliers instead to gently bend the bead back into shape. The flanges may remain slightly deformed, but

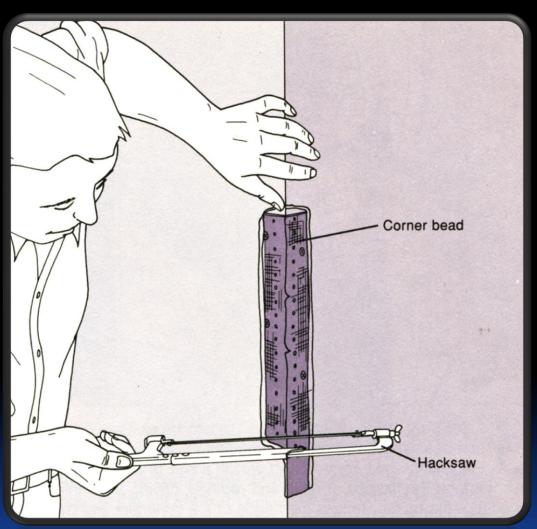


If necessary, reseat the corner with fi1-5/8 inch drywall screws and flatten any protruding bends with a metal file. Roughen the damaged surface on each side of the corner with coarse sandpaper, then brush clean and dampen. Holding a flat piece of wood against one side of the corner, apply joint compound to the other. Reverse sides and repeat,



Scrape off excess compound and let the area dry for 24 hours.

Repeat this step as required, using fine grit sandpaper on a sanding block to smooth the patch after each coat.



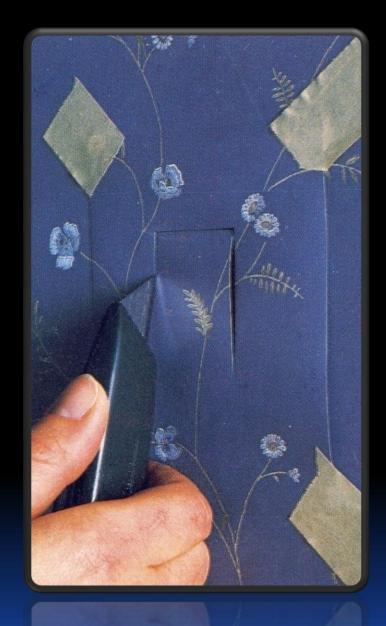
If the damage to the corner bead is too severe to be straightened, the damaged section can be cut out with a hacksaw and replaced.



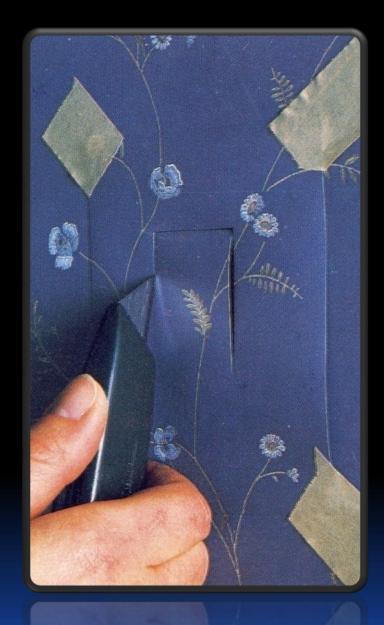
REPAIRING DAMAGED MALLPAPER SEBALUS DAMAGED MALLPAPER



1. Fasten a piece of matching wallpaper over the damaged area with removable tape so that the pattern aligns with the existing wallpaper

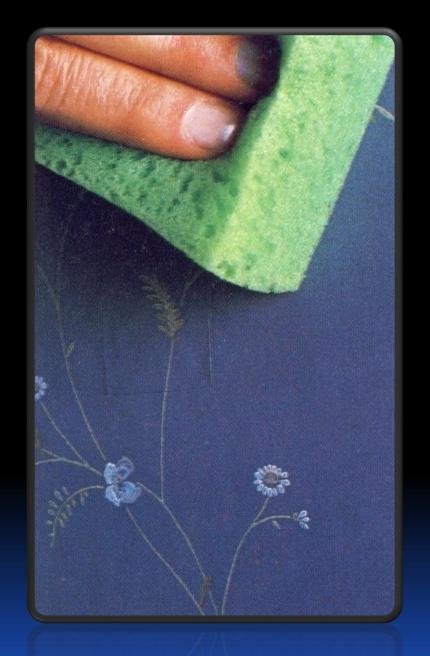


2. Cut cleanly through both layers with a sharp knife. If wallpaper has strong pattern lines, cut along lines to hide seams.



3. Remove the patch, then peel away the damaged section from the wall.

Scrape any glue or lumps of paper off the wall.

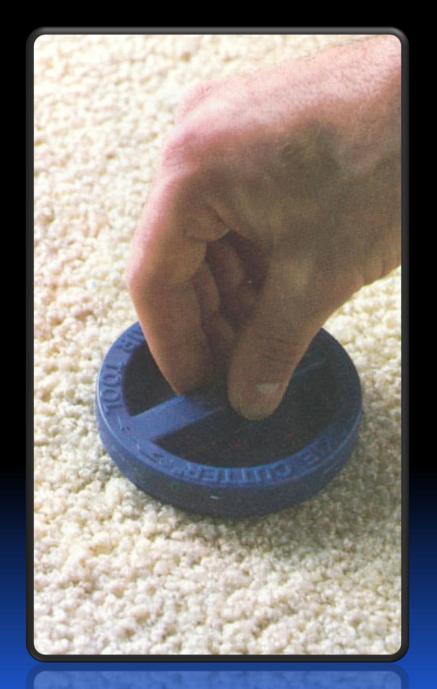


4. Apply adhesive to the back of the patch (or if prepasted, brush with water) and carefully position it in the hole so patterns match.



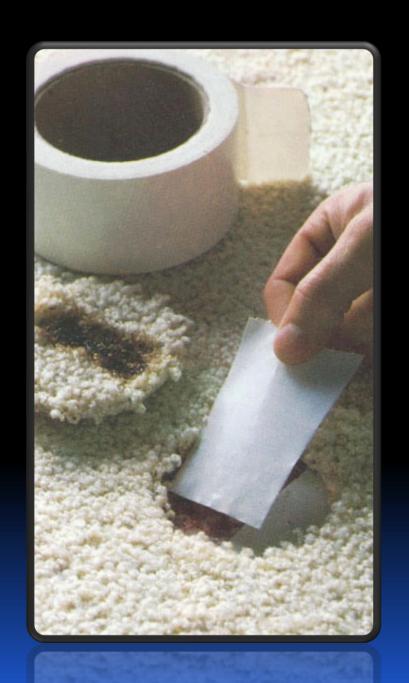
5. Wipe area with a clean wet sponge.

REPAIRING CARPET



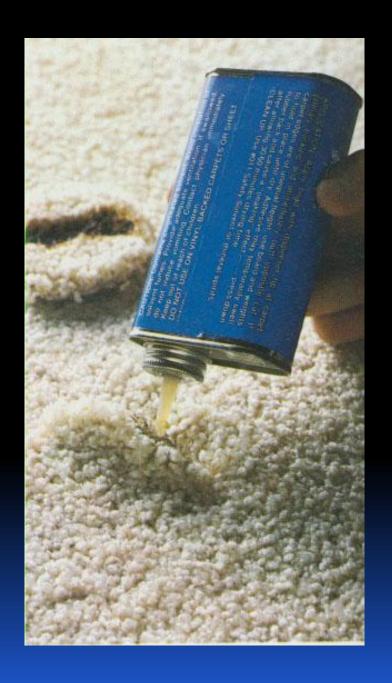
Remove the damaged carpet area with a carpet "cookie cutter" tool, available at carpeting stores.

Press the cutter down over the damaged area and twist to cut away carpet.



Cut a replacement patch from scrap carpeting using the cookie cutter.

Insert double face carpet tape under the carpet so that tape overlaps the patch seam.



Press the patch into place. Make sure the direction of the nap or pattern matches the existing carpet. Seal the seam with seam adhesive to prevent unraveling.