

Drywall Installation Infographic



HOME Do-it-Yourself

Drywall Finish

Drywall finishing isn't for everyone; it takes patience and practice to do it correctly. With the right tools and techniques, the average homeowner can have good results.

TWO TYPES OF DRYWALL TAPE:

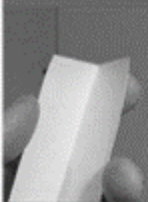
Fiberglass tape

Apply the self-adhesive drywall tape along each joint. Use a single layer of joint compound (spackle) directly over the tape using a 6-inch spackle knife.



Paper tape

is embedded in the joint compound with a 6-inch knife. Keep the tape straight, and use your knife to smooth out any wrinkles.



DRYWALL STEPS:

1ST LAYER With a taping knife 6-8 inches wide, apply a thin layer of joint compound along the joint, smoothing the tape and removing excess compound.

2ND LAYER is the fill coat that is done with a slightly wider taping knife (8-10 inches). Feather the edges so that they are about 2 inches wider than those of the first coat.

3RD LAYER uses a broad knife of about 10-12 inches in width. Spread a thin layer over the joint, feathering the edges and hiding the seams. Finish by sanding down the compound with 100-grit sandpaper so that the joints are as smooth as possible.

FIBERGLASS TAPE

COMPOUND