



# Extra Strength Drywall Tape

## LARGE HOLE REPAIR INSTRUCTIONS

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# FibaTape®

SELF-ADHESIVE DRYWALL TAPE



**TIME REQUIRED:** 30 minutes + dry time



**SKILL LEVEL:** Advanced DIY

### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Place the piece of drywall over the damaged area and trace around the edges with a pencil.
2. Using a utility knife or drywall saw, carefully cut out the damaged drywall using the outline you just traced in step 1.
3. Insert the piece of wood into the opening - **Be careful not to drop it into the wall cavity!** Using drywall screws, secure the wood behind the area to be patched.
4. Place the piece of drywall into the opening, the wood should hold the drywall in place and keep it from falling into the wall cavity. If your drywall doesn't fit flush, you can shave down the sides with the edge of a utility knife until it fits snugly into the hole.
5. Attach the drywall patch you just made to the book backer using drywall screws.
6. Remove and dust or debris from the area before applying the drywall tape around the seams of the drywall patch.
7. Apply joint compound to the entire surface to conceal the seams and tape. For an invisible repair, feather the edges out several inches beyond the taped area. Allow compound to dry according to manufacturer's instructions.
8. Once the area has completely dried, lightly sand with fine grit sanding block. Apply a second layer of compound, feathering the edges out past the first coat. Allow compound to dry.
9. Sand the entire area to a smooth finish. Repeat steps 8 & 9 if necessary.

*Note: If the damaged area is close to a stud, cut the drywall all the way to the stud and screw the patch directly into the framing.*

### TOOLS & MATERIALS

- Extra Strength Drywall Tape
- Joint Compound
- Drywall screws
- Strip of wood 2" longer than widest part of the hole
- Utility knife
- Piece of drywall slightly larger than the damaged area
- Pencil
- Power drill
- Sanding block - fine grit
- Taping knife



Extra Strength Mesh

