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### PATCHING SMALL HOLES IN WALLBOARD

You can repair small holes, up to 4" to 6", in drywall using drywall bandages. To make a drywall bandage, use a keyhole saw to make the hole into a square or a rectangle. Cut a piece of drywall the same shape as the hole. It should be 2" longer and 2" wider than the hole.



Lay the piece of drywall down on a flat surface, shiny side down. Measure 1" from all four edges and draw a line. This should form a shape the size of the hole.

Using a straight edge and a utility knife, cut through the drywall to the bottom layer. Do not cut the bottom layer of paper. Using a putty knife, remove the top layer of paper and core all the way down to the bottom layer of paper. Be careful not to tear the bottom layer.



The cut part of the patch should fit into the hole. The paper edge should cover about 1" around the hole. Apply a thin layer of patching compound around the hole. Place the patch into the hole. Using a putty knife, work the paper edge down into the compound. Feather the edges of the compound and allow it to dry. You may need to sand lightly and apply a second layer of compound to finish the repair.

