



QUIKRETE® Patching Plaster can be used to create a smooth or slightly textured

plaster hardcoat surface over drywall or sound plaster surfaces. Its 30-minute

set time allows ample time to apply and finish plaster in larger batches. This reduces mixing time and minimizes the chance of slight color variations between multiple batches.

### **Required Tools & Materials**

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- QUIKRETE® Patching Plaster
- Wide shallow mixing container
- Plaster trowel or wide medium bristle brush

### **Step by Step**

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#### **Surface Preparation**

Drywall must be installed, taped and spackled using accepted drywall installation techniques. The surface should be clean and free of dirt and dust. Old plaster surfaces should be in good condition with all holes and cracks properly patched with QUIKRETE® Patching Plaster.

#### **Mixing and Application**

1. Mix only enough plaster that can comfortably be applied in 20 to 25 minutes. A large shallow mixing container is ideal since it gives plenty of room to load the trowel or brush.

2. Add water to the QUIKRETE® Patching Plaster and mix thoroughly to a creamy, butter-like consistency. An overly stiff plaster mix will not apply smoothly.

3. Apply the plaster to the wall using a plaster trowel or a wide bristle brush. The trowel will create a smooth or slightly ridged surface, while the brush is ideal for forming swirled patterns.

4. Plaster thickness should be between 1/16" to 1/8". Texture or finish the plaster as soon as it is applied. Do not wet down the plaster after

it is applied to the surface to soften it for finishing and avoid multiple layers or thick textured patterns. QUIKRETE® Patching Plaster is designed to impart a thin hardcoat finish.

#### **For Best Results**

- Mix the plaster thoroughly to avoid lumps or dry spots in the mix.
- Load the trowel or brush with a good amount of plaster and work at a good pace.
- Practice your application and texturing technique on a test panel of drywall or inconspicuous area before beginning the main work.
- Discard the plaster mix as soon as it shows signs of setting.
- Plaster that has begun to set will be difficult to apply a thick coat and may lump up or stick to the trowel or brush.