

One of stucco's advantages as siding is that it rarely needs repairs, and when it does need repairs they are usually simple. However, if the area to be repaired is more than 2 square feet, the stucco should be removed all the way down to the wall surface and built up as described in the earlier section on stuccoing. For more common repairs, including cracks, read on.

### Required Tools & Materials

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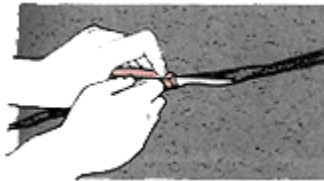
- QUIKRETE® Finish-Coat Stucco
- QUIKRETE® Concrete Acrylic Fortifier
- Hammer
- Cold Chisel
- Knife
- Wire Brush
- Trowel

### Step by Step

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#### Repairs

1. Remove loose stucco from the damaged area.
2. Use the hammer and chisel or knife to undercut the stucco surrounding the damaged area so that the patch will be locked in.



3. Use the wire brush to remove any stucco knocked loose in undercutting. Brush the entire damaged area free of dirt, dust, and other foreign materials.



4. Thoroughly wet down the damaged area and keep it damp for 12 hours before patching to prevent the moisture from being drawn too

quickly from the patch and weakening it.

**5.** Mix QUIKRETE® Finish-Coat Stucco with QUIKRETE® Concrete Acrylic Fortifier. Tightly pack the prepared stucco finish into the damaged area with a trowel and texture it to match the surrounding stucco.



**6.** For deep repairs extending to the scratch coat, first tightly pack the hole within  $\frac{1}{4}$ " of the surface. Keep the patch damp for 2 days while it sets.

**7.** Dampen the edges of the hole and the surface of the first layer; trowel in a second layer level with the original stucco and texture it to a match.