

ANITRA MECADON'S 10 STEPS FOR INSTALLING & FINISHING DRYWALL

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1 MEASURE

Accurately measure the wall and ceiling area to determine the amount of drywall you will need.



2 SCORE

Using a utility knife, score the front of the drywall deep into the core.



3 SNAP

Snap the board so it's connected only by the back paper.



4 CUT

Using a utility knife, cut the back paper so it separates. A keyhole saw may be used to cut around electrical outlets, windows and doors.



5 TRIM

Trim rough edges using a rasp or utility knife until the edges are clean and smooth.



6 HANG

Hang the drywall horizontally against the framing, attach using fasteners, and remember to hang and attach ceilings first.



7 TAPE

Using joint compound and paper joint tape, apply a coat of joint compound to the joints and firmly embed the tape to ensure a good bond, then let dry.



8 FINISH

Apply joint compound over the taped joints and fastener heads – feathering out further with each coat, then let dry.



9 SAND

Using sandpaper, sand excess joint compound to a smooth surface, making sure you don't damage the drywall face paper.



10 CLEAN

Make sure the finished wall or ceiling is free from dirt, grease, dust or anything that might affect your primer or finished paint.

5 TIPS FOR INSTALLING & FINISHING DRYWALL

- 1 Pick PURPLE® drywall for your project to ensure your walls are built to last.
- 2 Be certain you have the right tools before you start.
- 3 "Measure twice – cut once".
- 4 You can never be too safe – so use appropriate safety gear.
- 5 Ask a friend to help for easier installation.

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