

Patching a Ceiling Hole from a Leak

Recently had a leak fall through the ceiling from an upstairs bathroom. Here are the step-by-step repair instructions my contractor shared with me.

- Clean and prep hole. Cut out a perfect square around the hole using a drywall hand saw.
- Scrape falling or hanging debris until flat using a metal paint scraper and razor blade.
- Spray Kilz primer and adhesive to cleaned area surrounding hole
- Let dry
- Cut drywall to match hole in ceiling
- Add wood anchor boards inside, across and on top of hole, if needed. If there's an exposed stud, use that.
- Drill drywall to wood anchors or stud.
- Mix EZ Sand or drywall plaster repair and smooth until surface is flat
- Let dry. Make sure it's 100% dry. (a few hours to one day)
- Apply one more coat of EZ sand or drywall plaster repair until surface is smooth
- Let dry
- Sand lightly
- Paint as needed.