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.
- [ ] Scape 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.

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