

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.