

Handyman Fixes for Drywall Problems

1. From Hairline to Structural Cracks

Due to settling or temperature changes, hairline cracks often form along seams or over doorframes. While they may look harmless, widening cracks can signal a shifting foundation or framing stress. A handyman uses flexible joint compound, embeds fiberglass tape, and finishes with sanding and primer to create a crack-proof seam that moves with your wall.



2. Nail and Screw Pops

When nails or screws begin to come loose, they push the drywall surface outward, creating small bumps or dimples known as "pops." You can try to pound them in, but these pesky bumps tend to reappear unless you address the source. A handyman will remove the loose fastener, replug the hole with properly driven screws into solid framing, and cover the surface with compound.



3. Water Damage

Leaky pipes, roof failures or poorly sealed windows can wet drywall. Once soaked, drywall softens, darkens and stains. The paint may peel and mold can thrive. Your professional handyman understands that simply painting over the stain is a temporary cosmetic fix. They'll locate and repair the source of the leak or advise you to call a licensed plumber or roofer to help with complex issues.



4. Sagging or Bulging Panels

When drywall sags, bows inward or bulges, it usually means it lacks proper support behind it or has moisture exposure. Insulation can press the wall inward. Warping studs may push it outward. A handyman detects whether the issue lies with framing, fasteners or materials and then addresses it properly by fastening sheets securely, reinforcing framing with blocking or replacing warped studs.



5. Texturing Imperfections

You might think drywall repair ends at mud and sand, but texture matching is what keeps the repair invisible. Different wall surfaces require unique textures: orange peel, knockdown, stucco or smooth finish. A handyman carries various drywall textures and tools: trowels, rollers and sprayers. They practice to match the texture of your wall exactly.

