



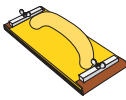
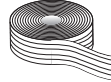
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Do - It - Yourself Solutions

# Jointing and finishing



# What you will need for the job



- DIY 100mm Broad Knife
- DIY Corner Tool
- DIY Paper Jointing Tape
- DIY Dust Mask
- DIY Sanding Sheet
- DIY Hand Sander
- DIY Total Joint Finish

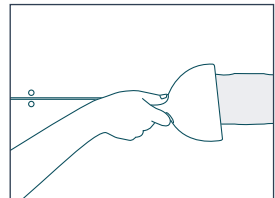
## Other

- Plasterer's Trowel
- Rondo Metal External Corner Bead

## Jointing and finishing

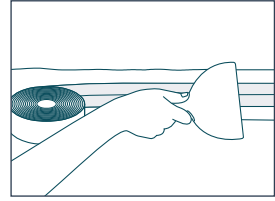
### Fill the recess

Using a broad knife, evenly fill the joint recess formed by the tapered edges of the plasterboard with DIY Total Joint Finish.



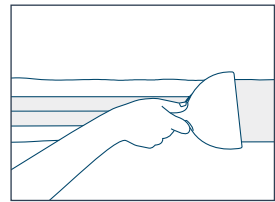
## Bed the tape

- 1 Place the paper tape along the centre of the joint and firmly press the tape down into the compound using the flexible broad knife.
- 2 With the broad knife held at 45°, draw the broad knife along the joint with enough pressure to remove excess compound and air bubbles.
- 3 Leave sufficient compound under the tape to achieve a good bond.



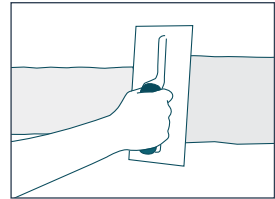
## Skim coat over tape

- 1 Immediately apply a skim coat of DIY Total Joint Finish over the joint. This reduces the possibility of the tape edge curling and wrinkling which could lead to edge cracking.
- 2 Allow to dry (24 hours in normal conditions).



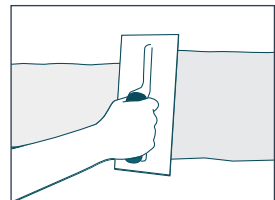
## Apply second coat

When dry, apply a second, thin coat of DIY Total Joint Finish with the plasterer's trowel, filling the joint recess so it is level, feathering about 150mm beyond the edges of first coat. Allow to dry.



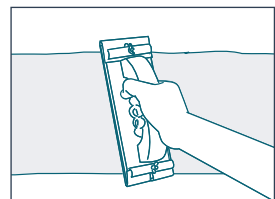
## Apply finishing coat

When the second coat has dried, scrape or sand back any build up of compound along the joint for a smooth and level surface.



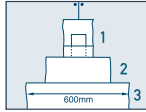
## Lightly sand

- 1 When thoroughly dry, sand lightly to a smooth finish with a hand sander held diagonally across the joint.
- 2 Use 150 grit sandpaper and take care to sand only the jointed areas and not scuff the surrounding plasterboard.



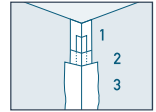
## Butt joints

For an optimum finish butt joints should be avoided. If unavoidable, sheets can be butted on framing members and taped and jointed in the same manner as described for recessed edge joints, but applying the DIY Total Joint Finish over the joints in coats up to 600mm in width. This extended width will help you achieve a flat, smooth surface on the joints.



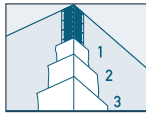
## Internal corners

With a broad knife apply DIY Total Joint Finish to both sides of the internal angle. Fold the tape along its centre crease and bed (push) into the compound with the Broad Knife or a Corner Tool. When completely dry, apply a finishing coat of compound ensuring edges are feathered beyond the first coat. When thoroughly dry, sand lightly.



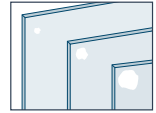
## External corners

Apply DIY Total Joint Finish to both sides of the previously nailed Corner Bead using a Broad Knife, forcing the compound into the perforations of the bead. When dry, apply a second and finishing coat of compound, allowing 24 hours between coats, feathering back from the nose of the bead with the Plasterer's Trowel. When thoroughly dry, sand lightly.



## Nail stopping

Apply 3 coats of DIY Total Joint Finish to nail heads as you finish the joints. Overlap each coat by approximately 25mm. When thoroughly dry, sand lightly.



## Health & Safety

1 Do not ingest contents of product packaging. If ingested, seek medical advice.



3 If dust or paste causes skin irritation, use impervious PVC, Nitrite or Rubber gloves.

4 Keep contents out of reach of children.



2 Avoid creating dust when handling, mixing or sanding as dust from packaged products may contain crystalline silica. Repeated inhalation of silica dust over long periods of time may lead to bronchitis, silicosis or cancer. If dust is unavoidable, ensure adequate ventilation, wear eye protection and an approved disposable face mask that conforms to Australian Standards AS 1716 Type P1 or P2.

## Contact Information

In Emergencies call 1800 033 011, Poison Information on 13 11 26.

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