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Repairing Drywall Divots

You'll be so proud of your new home. Everything is brand spankin' new and just the way you wanted it. Yet many people (especially those with young children), wonder how they will keep it looking new, particularly the textured drywall.

Well, there have probably been a few repairs made before you even moved in. Your drywall is actually the first step of finishing your home and must go through another couple of months of construction before it's turned over to you. It acquires nicks and dings along the way. Here's how we fix them!

The items you need are all available at the local home center: Quick setting patching compound,



spray texture, putty knives and maybe a drywall knife or plastic spatula. We've left a couple of gallons of touch up paint in the basement when your home was originally painted.

The first step is to chip away any loose material from the damaged area. If this is not done, you could find yourself doing the repair over again.

Next, follow the directions on the patching compound, mixing with water until the proper consistency is reached. You'll have about 10 minutes to make your repair before the mix becomes too hard to work with. Work the mixture into the repair with a putty or taping knife, and smooth it out to be level with the rest of the wall. Any extra can

be cleaned up after it dries with a wet towel or sponge.



Take a ten minute break!

Now you are ready to finish your repair. Some touch up with sandpaper or a moist sponge may be required at this point. You will also want to mask off the area to protect carpet and wood trim from overspray. Do not tape right close to the repair, you are going to blend the repair with the existing texture!

Follow the directions on the can of spray texture. There are two types: knockdown (usually used throughout the home) and Orange Peel (used in baths and kitchens.)

The key here is to *practice first* on a scrap or some cardboard. Then spray the repair. If you are repairing orange peel, all you'll have to do now is paint.



Knockdown requires one more step. Let the repair "set up" and when the texture begins to harden, "knock down" the texture with a plastic spatula (made just for the purpose) just knocking the tops off the area you've sprayed, to match the rest of the wall. A little paint and no one will be any the wiser, just as if a pro had done it!

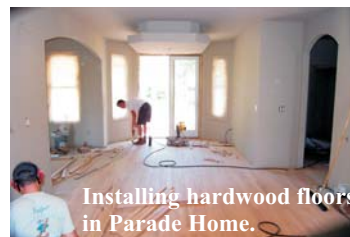
Summer Parade of Homes

This Summer's Valley Home Builder's Parade of Homes begins August 18th. We are eagerly looking forward to presenting our home to the public.

Our home this year is located at N1031 Spring Valley Rd., in Greenville.

This Charles Rueter designed home has given us a chance to show off a bit, and we think you'll like what you see!

This 2400 sq ft ranch has loads of arches and "California Corners" as you've come to expect in one of our homes. You'll also see some great details such as the "reverse tray ceiling" in the dining area, gracious porches front and rear, and soaking tub and sauna in the master suite, bonus room above the garage, sunroom, sewing room, ...the list goes on.



Our subs have helped us come up with a winner.

The Parade runs August 18th -19th and 22nd - 26th. Saturday and Sunday hours are from 11 a.m. - 5p.m. Wednesday - Friday 5p.m. - 8p.m. Tickets are available at each home, \$7 for adults and \$4 for children. See you at the Parade!



Homes by Bill Rounds on the World Wide Web

Homes by Bill Rounds now has a home on the web! Our new address is www.billrounds.com

When you get there you'll find some of our favorite floor plans, some helpful information, and links to some of our suppliers.

You'll also have a chance to view some of our completed projects as well as homes we are currently building.

If you are already building with us, just check into the "Under Construction" page. You will find the building schedule for your home for the next few weeks posted right there for the whole world to see, as well as photos documenting progress. We take the task of getting you into your new home on time very seriously!

You'll also find past issues of this newsletter posted.

So stop in and drop us a line, we're always happy to hear from you.

'Spec' Homes Available

We currently have 2 homes listed for sale: W6053 Paige Way in the Town of Harrison, a split bedroom ranch \$147,900

3100 E. Greenleaf Dr. Appleton, a 4 bedroom 2 story \$219,900. Details are at our web page.

