

## ANITRA MECADON'S 10 STEPS FOR INSTALLING & FINISHING DRYWALL

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### 1 MEASURE

Accurately measure the wall and ceiling area to determine the amount of drywall you will need.



### 2 SCORE

Using a utility knife, score the front of the drywall deep into the core.



### 3 SNAP

Snap the board so it's connected only by the back paper.



### 4 CUT

Using a utility knife, cut the back paper so it separates. A keyhole saw may be used to cut around electrical outlets, windows and doors.



### 5 TRIM

Trim rough edges using a rasp or utility knife until the edges are clean and smooth.



### 6 HANG

Hang the drywall horizontally against the framing, attach using fasteners, and remember to hang and attach ceilings first.



## 7 TAPE

Using joint compound and paper joint tape, apply a coat of joint compound to the joints and firmly embed the tape to ensure a good bond, then let dry.



## 8 FINISH

Apply joint compound over the taped joints and fastener heads – feathering out further with each coat, then let dry.



## 9 SAND

Using sandpaper, sand excess joint compound to a smooth surface, making sure you don't damage the drywall face paper.



## 10 CLEAN

Make sure the finished wall or ceiling is free from dirt, grease, dust or anything that might affect your primer or finished paint.

### 5 TIPS FOR INSTALLING & FINISHING DRYWALL

- 1 Pick PURPLE® drywall for your project to ensure your walls are built to last.
- 2 Be certain you have the right tools before you start.
- 3 "Measure twice – cut once".
- 4 You can never be too safe – so use appropriate safety gear.
- 5 Ask a friend to help for easier installation.

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