



Project Benefits: speed and less errors

The **Mark-N-Guard**[®] tool is a perfect solution as an electrical box locator. Just push the Mark-N-Guard insert into the outlet box and hang the drywall tacking it in place. The tip of the Mark-N-Guard will penetrate the drywall making the box center easily visible on the surface without measuring. Cutting around the box is a snap.



Tool Benefits for you:

- The **Mark-N-Guard** locates and marks the box center without the need to measure eliminating wrong cut-out repairs
- Works on single to all gang boxes for locating the box
- The **Mark-N-Guard** inserted into the electrical box protects the electrical or internet wires from being damaged while cutting the drywall eliminating wire repairs.
- Tool is made with a super tough ABS material
- Tools nest for each storage

How-To Steps for use:

1. Place a Mark-N-Guard in ever box (you should have one for each box behind the sheet)
2. Tack the drywall into place
3. Apply slight pressure to the box areas. The point of the Mark-N-Guard will pop through the drywall surface. Now the center of the electrical box is marked.
4. Insert the tip of the router bit next to the tip of the Mark-N-Guard. Move the router until you feel the perimeter of the box. Pull the router back far enough to get past the box then using the box as a guide cut on the outside of the box.
5. Remove the drywall plug and Mark-N-Guard. You are ready to hang the next sheet!

Boxes located at the edge or end of a sheet can be easily seen so avoid using Mark-N-Guard tools close to the edge of a sheet as the drywall may crack.

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It is truly a **Mark-N-Guard**
at an affordable price

HandyMark™ tool Comparison Review

Tool for cutting out boxes in drywall.



HandyMark™ Drywall Marking Tool

<https://www.menards.com/main/tools-hardware/hand-tools/drywall-tools/handymark-drywall-marking-tool/hm1001-bf/p-1444453574143-c-8951.htm?tid=-3469221029290723846&ipos=53>

Sells for around \$12 One unit is needed for each box behind the drywall sheet.

Steps to make this system work:

1. **Place the plastic piece** over ever box (you will need enough of these for each box)
2. **Tack** the drywall in place
3. **Remember** how many boxes there are and the approximant location of each. There is nothing on the outside of the drywall to identify the location of the boxes behind the drywall so is strictly by memory.
4. **Applying pressure** to the drywall marks the back of the drywall sheet where the tool has been placed (one for each box needed)
5. **Remove** the drywall sheet and cut out the box from the backside of the drywall using the pin holes. The pins holes show location cut out
6. **Re-hang** the sheet and fasten

Conclusion:

Cost factor: Five of these cost around \$45

Work time factor: The time it takes to hang the drywall, mark the outlets into the back of the sheet, remove the sheet, cut the boxes out and then hang the sheet again takes too much time.

Video on tool use:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c7A6ah3o41s>



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You can see what it does on this YouTube video at minute for the first 7:20 minutes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PEWkAIWXaqA>

Notice that this video has over 430,000 views.

This tool is already known to a lot of people.

Calculated Industries® Blind Mark™ Drywall Electrical Box Locator - Sells for \$18 for two. The instructions show what it does. In an average 8' to 12' wall there could be 3 to 5 outlets or boxes to cut out of the drywall. Each would need a Blind locator.

Consider the steps for use:

1. Place the magnetic piece in ever box (you will need one for each box behind the sheet or the whole process has been foiled.
2. Tack the drywall into place
3. KEY: Remember how many boxes there are and the approximate location of each. There is nothing on the outside of the drywall to identify the location of the boxes behind the drywall other than memory or you take time to mark them.
4. Use the matching outside piece to locate the boxes. This piece is slid over the location of the electric box until is centers up with the magnetic back piece but you have to remember where they are located.
5. With this placed over the box you draw around the outside piece which is the outline of the box behind the sheet. Mark all electrical boxes in this sheet.
7. Cut out the boxes with a Roto-Zip .

Conclusion: Able to cut out the box without removing the drywall sheet but is expensive to use since several are needed to work properly.



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