



# DRYWALL TAPING: HOW TO MAKE IT EASIER WITH BUDDY TOOLS LLC®



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STRAIGHT FROM A  
DRYWALLER

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# P R E F A C E

I remember going to see Dad at the “Galpón”. That was his work area where he kept all his tools. There were a few perks to going to the Galpón, one was that he had a drawer in his red Craftsman tool box that had Tootsie Rolls in it. I have no idea how old they were, where he got them or how they magically never ran out, but being overseas it was a special treat from home that Dad kept just for us kids. Granted the older I’ve gotten the more I’ve realized we got our sweet tooth from my dad, so maybe he kept those there for himself also.

One of the other perks of going to the Galpón was just spending time with Dad. I’ve always been a problem solver and had a desire to know how things worked. I remember asking many questions about how certain tools worked or what they were used for. I’m pretty sure I also got that from my dad.

I remember seeing the first TapeBuddy® he ever made. It was made out of wood and nails - I guess you could say that first TapeBuddy® could rot, rust, discolor, and was not made in the USA (those are all characteristics that the current buddytools do not have).

I often use the term “work smarter, not harder”, if there’s an easier way to accomplish a job and still do it with excellence, then find the easier way, have the right tools, multitask, form an assembly line, etc.

I've watched my dad create and perfect the right tools for the right job. As a missionary overseas and not having the big hardware stores at your disposal he, time and time again, created a tool to help him complete the job he was working on at the time. He was often referred to as MacGyver because of his creativity, ingenuity and ability to solve problems and make things work.

More than his creativity though I've watched my dad love and serve people. His desire in creating a tool line has never been about the money, it has always been about helping people. I would guess that over the course of some years he's even given out as many tools as he sold! Just a few days ago I ran into a friend I hadn't seen in a few years who said that he had posted a picture about a project he was working on and how he wasn't looking forward to taping it. That same day he got a call from my dad saying that he was sending him a TapeBuddy®. He could have sent him a link on where to buy one, but instead he saw someone in need of a good tool that would help make the job go smoother so he just sent him a free tool. I'm sure I could collect 100 of the same stories!

I'm thankful that is the legacy that is part of my story. Not the fact that "my dad invented a tool" (which is still pretty cool!), but that "My dad loves and serves people".

**Joanna Bodlien**

# P R E F A C E

“That’s how it’s always been done”, or “That’s how I’ve always done it”. The mantra most people will eventually hear when they have been in a profession for long enough. It means, there is no other way to do something. This is what causes the belief that there is not a better way, an easier way, a more efficient way, or a way that is simple enough that anyone can do it. A few have ignored the mantra and those few have gone on to invent tools that at one time were considered to be the wrong way. Tools in the workshop are meant to make the project easier, that’s why they are invented. My father is one of those people, an inventor of a tool that is intended to make a project easier.

From 1986 - 1996, my family lived in Chile, South America. Our parents were there as missionaries and worked at a summer camp property for teenagers. Our father was responsible for all the construction, maintenance, and improvements of the camp property. He was in charge of bringing the property from a former brickyard to a fully functioning summer camp. Cabins, dining hall, houses, swimming pools, kitchen and much else were built in that time. It was during the building of all of those projects that he realized that there had to be a better way, a simpler way, a way that others without

any experience would be able to work along side and be just as efficient as he was. That's when he came up with the TapeBuddy®. I remember using the first one he ever made.

When our family returned to the United States, Dad took the idea and had it made. He wanted it to last longer than the tools that were made by hand in Chile. He wanted it to be made in America. He wanted it to be a tool that would be used to help others do a job that gave them pride in their work. But most importantly, he wanted a tool that would be able to used to support other missionaries in the world.

Dad has the heart of a servant, and a heart for people. His goal has always been to use his tools to fund missionary work, whether that be through the direct support of the missionaries or through the funding of projects that need done, such as a new cabin to house campers. That's what the purpose of these tools is, to allow him to continue serving others, even if he can't personally be there to do the work.

As you use these tools, think of ways that you can serve others. I'm sure there are some who have bought these tools, just so they could be a help to someone else. Thank you for being a part of this story, for helping our Dad continue to serve.

**Caleb Morton**

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# BUDDY TOOLS makes taping drywall easier!



“Drywall is one of the most forgiving building materials in the construction industry yet **taping drywall is one of the most dreaded and feared tasks.**”

## Taping Drywall is Easy with the Right Tools.

So do it right the first time  
and not over!



“Happy is the man who finds wisdom,  
And the man who gains understanding.” Proverbs 3:13

# Tools for Drywall Taping

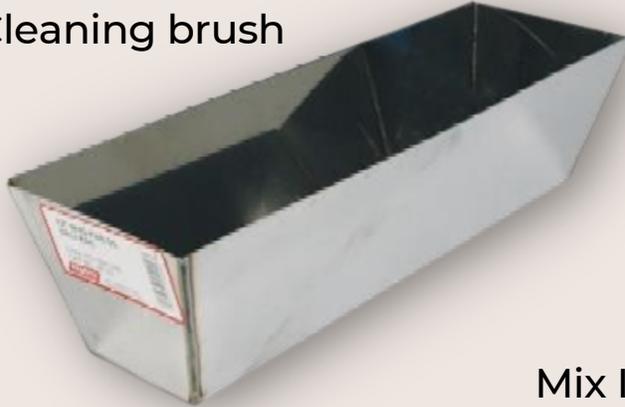


Something to stand on



Cleaning brush

12" mud pan serves for the entire finishing task



5" joint knives work really well for taping.



Bucket lid remover



Mix It® tools work with a cordless drill



Mark N Guard® Drywall Electrical Boxes Locator



Scoop-N-Scrape® Bucket Scoop

And your own TapeBuddy® tool



“A wise man will hear and increase learning, and a man of understanding will attain wise counsel.” Proverbs 1:5

# Things To Do Before Drywall Taping

-  Check all drywall sheets to make sure all sheets are properly attached and all the fasteners (nails or screws) are below the drywall sheet surface.
-  Make sure floors are free of all debris and clean.
-  Gaps over 3/16" or breakouts should be pre-filled with setting-type joint compound (mud) for less shrinkage. Make sure this compound does not come above the drywall surface.
-  Suggested order for applying drywall tape to the seams: edge seams, butt joints then inside ceilings and wall corners.

“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; A good understanding have all those who do His commandments. His praise endures forever.”

Psalm 111:10

# How to Prepare Drywall Compound

- Use only "All Purpose Joint Compound" for applying paper drywall tape to joints. This compound has the necessary glue for the paper to stick and dry very hard.
- Premix the All Purpose Compound by adding approximately one to two cups of water for each gallon of the compound to form a creamy consistency. Mix well to a creamy state.



# How to Prepare Drywall Compound

## FUN FACT:

Should I use pre-mixed or setting-type compound to tape drywall?

- **Pre-mixed all purpose compound naturally dries and shrinks or draws the embedded tape flatter to the surface.**
- **Setting type compounds don't shrink and keep your tape farther from the drywall surface.**
- **We only recommend using setting-type compounds when you need to hurry the process.**

# About Joint Compound

## Preparing the drywall compound to the correct consistency

Add approximately one to two cups of water per gallon of all-purpose pre-mixed mud and mix well. This creamy mixture has the proper consistency for the tape to stick to the drywall.



If the mud is too thick or dry, it will be hard to squeeze out from behind the tape making it difficult to embed correctly. If the mud is too thin, it will squeeze out too easily and may run off the side of the trowel.

Remember, you can always add more water to the compound. If you are using a new bucket of mud, try adding 1 or 2 cups of water and mixing just the top portion of

the bucket. As the mud is used, you can add more water and mix the remaining compound. You can always add more water but you can't take it away.

## Compound glues the drywall sheets together

The pressure of embedding freshly coated tape over the seam forces the moist compound deep into the joint gluing the drywall edges together for excellent strength. Using mesh doesn't allow the compound to push through the mess as well since the compound used to cover the mesh is much stiffer. When hanging the drywall it is good to keep them separated a little, about the thickness of a dime, so allow the compound to go between the sheets for more strength.



## Applying compound over the tape coat

When using the TapeBuddy<sup>®</sup> tool, the tape will dry much quicker than conventional taping methods because only the compound on the back of the tape is on the wall. Let the tape dry before applying more mud or the second coat. If you top-coat the tape before the tape is dry, the moisture from the new compound can go through the tape and release the glue from the bottom of the tape causing the tape to lose its grip.

## Pre-mixed vs. setting-type compound to tape drywall

**IMPORTANT!** Pre-mixed all-purpose compound dries naturally and shrinks drawing the embedded tape flatter to the joint. This means less needed build-up on the finish coat. One of the advantages of setting-type compounds is that they don't shrink as they dry. When applying tape with a setting compound it sets up and keeps your tape farther from the drywall surface. We only recommend using setting-type compounds when you need to hurry the process.

“Focused, hard work is the real key to success. Keep your eyes on the goal, and just keep taking the next step towards completing it. If you aren't sure which way to do something, do it both ways and see which works better.”

John Carmack

# Drywall Tape Options

## Paper: Applies with TapeBuddy®

- Strongest seaming product
- Least expensive
- Flatter finished surface when applied correctly.
- Embedding places compound between sheets for better strength and reduced movement.
- Super Easy to apply with TapeBuddy®



## FibaFuse®: Can be applied with TapeBuddy®

- Fiberglass tape (not mesh tape)
- Drywall mud goes completely through tape
- Needs more build up to cover tape
- Higher material cost per foot than paper
- Sanding exposes glass tape fibers
- Fibers can enter skin and cause irritation



# Drywall Tape Options

## Mesh

- Mesh is applied over seams before mud
- Must use setting-type compounds
- Mesh is not recommended for use in corners
- Needs more compound build up
- Cracks are visible through mesh tape
- Sanding can expose tape fibers



Ec 3:12-13 "I know that nothing is better for them than to rejoice, and to do good in their lives, and also that every man should eat and drink and enjoy the good of all his labor-it is the gift of God."

# Drywall Taping Tricks of the Trade

## Taping drywall ceilings on HOT summer days

Taping ceilings in new construction can be a challenge when the air and drywall are hot. Attics don't usually have the insulation in before taping the drywall and the attic temperatures can reach 140 degrees making the drywall surface hot.



Applying the compound and tape the conventional way will be extremely hard as the compound will dry quickly. The mud applied to the hot drywall surface begins to dry out immediately as it sucks the moisture from the mud.

The warm hot air dries the compound surface and by the time the tape is placed, there isn't enough moisture for the tape to adhere. The KEY to a good tape seam is using a TapeBuddy® tool. It applies the compound directly to the tape first allowing the tape to have the moisture it needs. The compound still has plenty of moisture to adhere the tape to the drywall. Be assured, the taped seam will dry fast but will never come off. It's a great way to ensure perfect seams every time with much less overall mess!

## **Finishing outside corners**

Plastic outside corners work very well and can be purchased most wherever drywall supplies are sold. Metal corners are tough but tend to rust, especially when used in high-moisture areas like bathrooms, basements or under wallpaper coverings. Plastic corners can be stapled or fastened on the corner using setting compounds.

They are easy to apply, give you a nice corner for the finished product, and will never rust. You can run a piece of drywall tape over the edge of the corner bead for a stronger grip but make sure it stays below the surface of your finished wall.

### **Here are some more "tricks of the trade" that will help you**

- Some new drywall knives or trowels may have a burr on the edge. This burr tends to pull the mud rather than smooth it out correctly. Remove the burr with a file or sandpaper before starting. Make sure the trowel corners are not bent.



"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding." Proverbs 9:10

## BUCKET

Keeping the bucket sides clean is important to not causing dry chunks to fall into the mud. Use water and a brush or your hand to wipe down the sides of the bucket to the mud surface. The extra water will help keep the surface from drying out. You can stir the extra water in later.

Try our Scoop-N-Scrape® bucket scoop and scraper tool to keep your bucket clean as you scoop the mud. It's made of HD nylon and will never break or rust. It doesn't scratch the sides of the bucket like the metal scoops that tend to leave plastic shavings in the mud. It's designed to fit a 5-gallon bucket curve.



“Wisdom abides in the mind of a man of understanding.”  
Proverbs 14:33

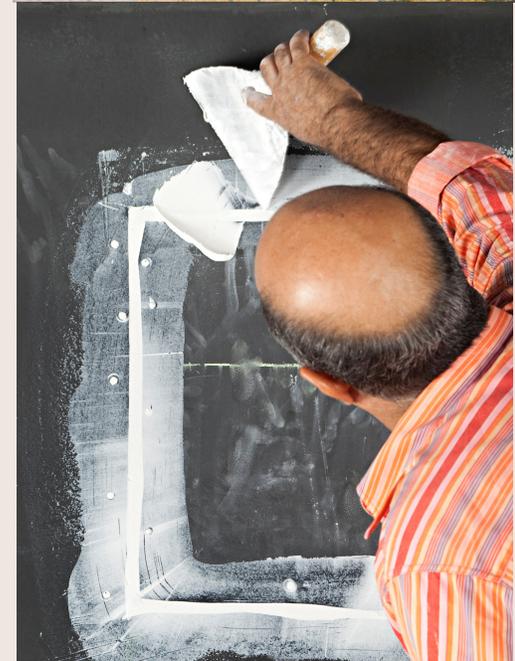
# Manual Taping by Hand

To tape drywall seams manually by hand, the following steps are typically followed:

The first step is to clean the seams of any dust or debris that may have accumulated during the drywall installation. This can be done by using a drywall knife or a putty knife to scrape away any loose material.

Next, use a drywall knife to apply a thin layer of joint compound to the seams. Make sure to spread the compound evenly and smooth out any ridges or bumps.

Once the joint compound is applied, press a strip of drywall tape into the joint compound, ensuring that the tape is centered over the seam, fully embedded and smooth.



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Use a drywall knife to smooth out the tape and to press it firmly into the wet joint compound. Make sure to remove any air bubbles or wrinkles in the tape.

Allow the joint compound to dry completely. Sand the joint compound smooth to create a seamless finish.

Repeat the process of applying joint compound and sanding until the desired finish is achieved.

It's important to note that proper technique and patience are required to achieve a smooth, professional-looking finish when taping drywall seams by hand.



# How TapeBuddy® Makes Taping Easier

- TapeBuddy® features a ONE-STEP drywall taping procedure. Instead of taping drywall seams completely by hand with drywall mud and a taping knife, TapeBuddy® makes it simpler and easier by applying mud directly to the tape. You don't need to pre-mud the seams. Simple setup and easy to use.
- Say goodbye to blisters and bubbles underneath tape. Tapebuddy® avoids dry spots on your tape by coating the drywall tape correctly. This allows for drywall seams to get the right amount of mud and adheres correctly to the tape. Save time and money by not having to redo your drywall taping project.

- TapeBuddy® requires less sanding with the controlled mud feature. Comes with a mud insert tab that allows you to choose from more mud and less mud. Have the right amount of mud everytime you pull the tape. Less sanding, less wasted material and cuts the drywall taping time in half.
- Taping ceilings is made easy with TapeBuddy® cause it comes light and handy compared to carrying a heavy drywall banjo that easily wears out your shoulder. Achieve the same professional result, but with less stress and fatigue.

Exodus 35:35 “He has filled them with skill to do every sort of work done by an engraver or by a designer or by an embroiderer in blue and purple and scarlet yarns and fine twined linen, or by a weaver, by any sort of workman or skilled designer.”

# How to Set Up TapeBuddy®

## STEP 1: SETUP

- Remove bridge insert from the front of the tool by clipping the tabs. Trim the tabs even and smooth any rough edges.
- Reversing this insert allows for 2 controlled mud thicknesses applied to the tape. Determine what mud thickness you need. Consider starting with the "More Mud" Setting
- Insert the bridge insert with wording facing down, align and snap into place.



## STEP 2: LOADING THE TOOL

- Feed drywall tape from the tape holder compartment into the mud compartment center crease up and out through the mudded tape gate.
- You can use 75-500 foot rolls of paper tape. The Most commonly used is 250'.
- With the drywall tape already passed through the mud compartment, fill the compartment with the mixed compound.

### FUN FACT:

#### How do I know which end of the insert to use?

Each end of the insert has a different thickness. By reversing this insert, you can change the amount of mud being applied to the tape.



**CHOICE OF TWO CONTROLLED COMPOUND THICKNESS SETTINGS!**

# From Simple Set Up to Easy Use with TapeBuddy®

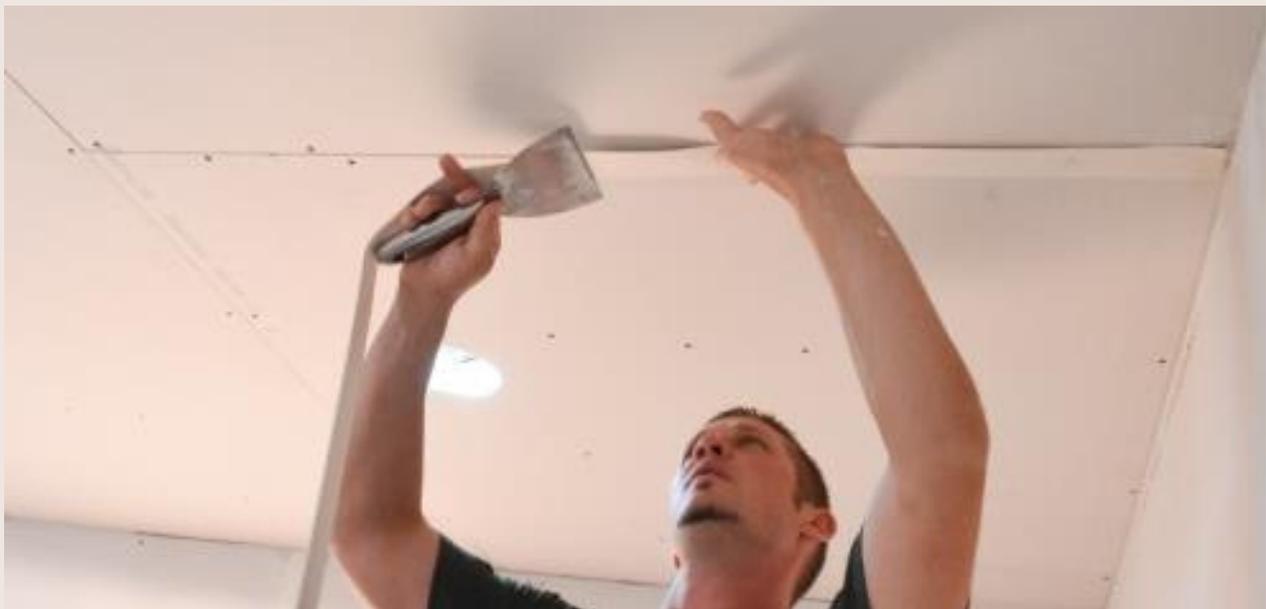
## STEP 1: PULLING COATED TAPE

- With one hand on the tool, pull the tape straight out with the other hand to the desired length needed and hold upwards.
- Cut the mudded tape by inserting the drywall joint knife corner into the center of the tape about one inch from the end of the out-feed table.
- This leaves enough tape for pulling the next piece.



## STEP 2: APPLYING THE TAPE

- Apply tape to the joint with the mudded side towards the drywall.
- Use a 5 to 6-inch joint knife to firmly embed the tape into the seam preferably starting at the middle and smoothing the tape out to both sides.
- Be careful to not squeeze out too much mud.
- Smooth the tape area and let it dry.
- Continue with topcoats until finished.
- Clean up tools with a brush and water then wipe dry.



“There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work and learning from failure.” Colin Powell

## **FUN FACT:**



### **How much tape should I pull out at a time?**

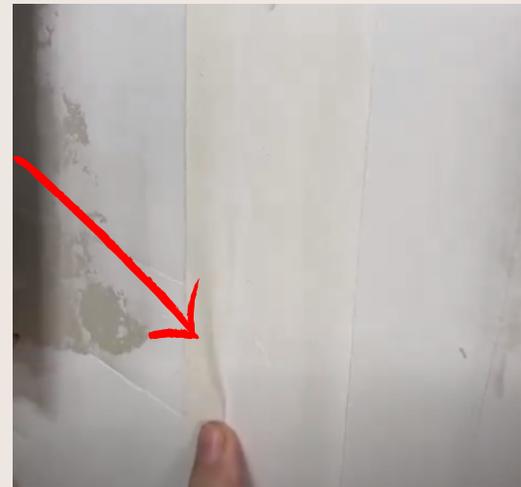
- **Estimate the length of tape needed then pull out that approximate length. Around five feet or your arms span is the easiest to work with.**
- **Cut the coated tape, place the mudded side on the seam and embed.**
- **Position one end of the tape and embed it with your joint knife continuing to the end. Position your joint knife where you want the tape to stop and tear off the excess tape. The next piece can be butted end to end or overlapped.**

“The LORD by wisdom founded the earth; By understanding He established the heavens.” Proverbs 3:19

# How to Avoid Tape Blisters with TapeBuddy®

## Why do blisters appear under the tape?

- Blisters or bubbles are caused when tape is embedded onto seams that don't have enough compound or has compound with low moisture.
- Applying dry tape over compound without the correct moisture creates long term problems. The tape will blister or not adhere correctly and long term may begin to curl up on the edges. This could take a few years to show.
- Why does this happen? When applying compound first to the seam the drywall pulls the moisture from the compound and the air dries the surface. When the tape is finally embedded, the compound is too dry to adhere to the tape.



## **DOES WETTING THE PAPER FIRST HELP?**

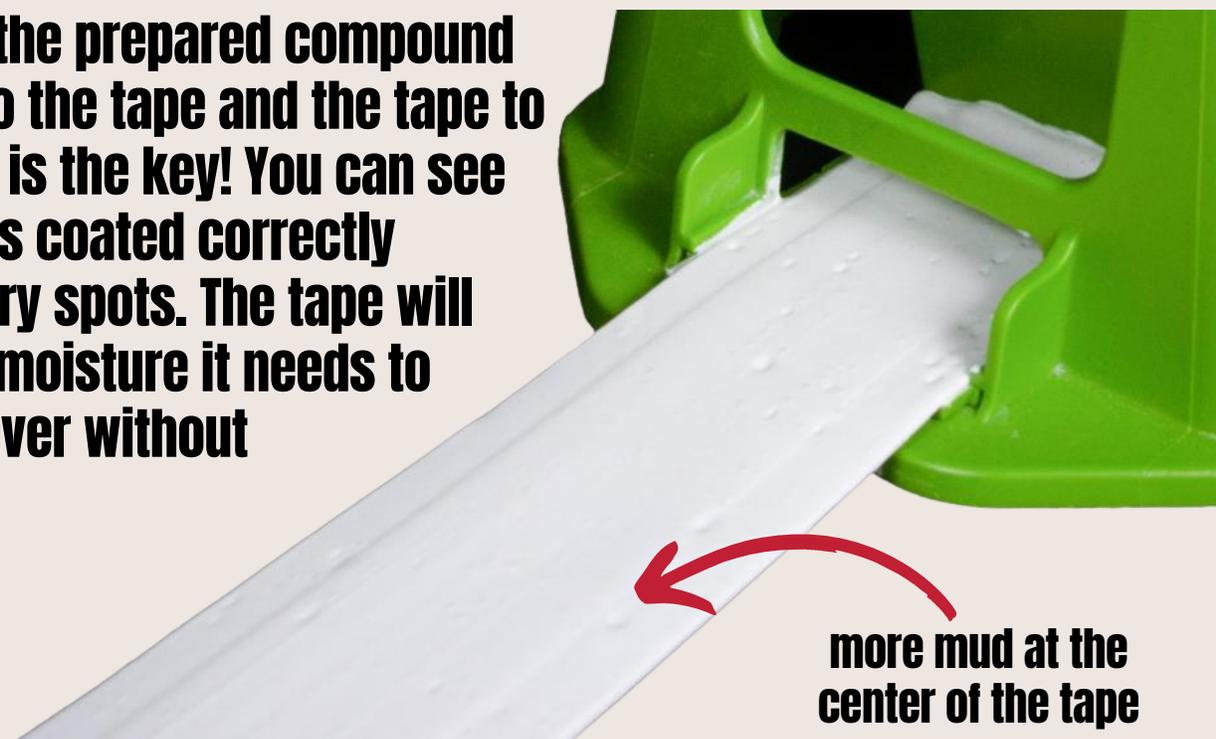
- No. This actually causes the paper to not adhere properly. Why? The water on the tape isolates the paper from the “glue” in the compound.

## **WHAT IS THE KEY TO HAVING PAPER STICK?**

- The compound must have the correct amount of moisture for the paper to adhere properly.

# **SOLUTION FOR A “NO BLISTER SEAM”**

**Applying the prepared compound directly to the tape and the tape to the seam is the key! You can see the tape is coated correctly without dry spots. The tape will have the moisture it needs to stick forever without blisters.**



**more mud at the center of the tape**

# Taping Ceilings & Wall Seams

- Drywall is beveled on the edge making this seam the easiest seam to tape.
- Work with the longest length you can handle easily which is usually about 5 feet. Remember: Safety First!
- Use a flexible joint knife to embed the tape tight into the beveled surface.
- If you prefer you can pull enough coated tape for the entire seam by booking the coated tape as you pull it out. Apply the tape on the whole length. Embed the tape starting at the middle and working in both directions.



Booking the tape for longer pieces

- Drywall tape stretches when it is moist. Starting in the middle will allow the tape to move toward each end without any problem. You may need to trim the extra tape at the end.
- Long ceiling joints are easiest taped with 5' to 6' pieces. When working off of a bench or ladder, you can only embed what you can reach so there is no need to pull out more coated tape than you can embed from this position.

**TapeBuddy® makes it easy to tape ceiling joints! Position your bench under the seam you are working on, pull out the coated tape (about 4 to 6 feet) and step onto your bench. Press one end of the tape over the seam and align the other end. Because the mud is on the tape, it will stick instantly. Embed, smooth and you're ready for the next piece. There's no mess or excess compound!**

**TAPEBUDDY® GIVES YOU A SMOOTH, EVEN TAPE APPLICATION FOR A PERFECT SEAM!**

# Vertical Inside Corners

- Pull about a 5 foot length of tape, cut, place and embed starting at the top corner. There is no need to pre-crease the tape as moist tape folds easily when tucked into position.
- Estimate the length of tape to finish the bottom part of the seam, cut and place starting at the floor. Embed the tape one side at a time, trim to length and you are done.
- The tape shouldn't touch the floor. There is no excess compound behind the tape to ooze out so the corner embeds correctly and stays clean.
- Longer pieces of tape can be pulled from the tool by booking the tape as shown in the picture below.

**Start at the top corner with a long piece and embed**



**Then finish the bottom half of the seam**



**Booking  
the tape  
for longer  
pieces**



**Cut the tape  
by using your  
joint knife  
or just  
overlap.**



## **PRO TIP:**

**Maximize the convenience of taping larger areas i.e. for a ceiling by pulling longer pieces known as booking the tape and place in an extra bucket. Keep that bucket close to where you are working and use as much as you need.**

# Horizontal Inside Corners

- Start at the corner with an arms length or longer (booking the tape) length of tape and tuck it into place. Embed one side at a time working in the direction you are most comfortable. The direction will depend on which hand you use for the joint knife.
- Continue to use with tape lengths you are most comfortable (or as much as you can handle easily) as you move across the seam

to the end. These can be butted or overlapped in the corners. Smooth the tape and you are done.

Note: Tape splices do not affect the taping seam strength.



## Flat or Corner Joint Knife?

The finished taped corner should have a sharp corner so we suggest you embed corners with a flat joint knife. Corner trowels tend to roll the tape if not careful though it can be used for the second coat.



“So teach us to number our days, That we may gain a heart of wisdom.”  
Psalm 90:12

# Taping Butt Joints

## For bottom seams:

Lay the coated tape over the center of the seam starting at the floor and embed up. Embed from the bottom pulling your joint knife to the top. At the top place your joint knife 1 inch below the horizontal seam, hold the taping knife firm and tear off the extra tape. Finish embedding the tape.

## For top seams:

Lay the coated tape over the center of the seam starting at the top to the bottom. Embed from the top down. Firmly hold your taping knife 1 inch above the horizontal seam and tear the extra tape off. Finishing embedding the tape.



## For ceiling butt seams:

Butt joints require 46" of tape. (allowing 1-inch in from both ends) You don't need to measure the tape. Simply pull out a little over 4 inches of coated tape and position it 1 inch in from the edge seam and lay the tape over the center of the seam. Embed starting from positioned end to the other. Hold your taping knife firmly 1 inch from the other edge seam, tear off the extra tape and finish embedding. You're done!



Note: **Do not overlap tape on surface seams!**  
This will increase your surface depth for finishing.

# NO NEED TO PRE-COAT SEAMS USING TAPEBUDDY !



- TapeBuddy® tools work great for taping around shower fixtures, windows, doors, or anywhere you need to straighten out a rough edge.
- If the mud compartment is full of mud and you notice that the tape roll is about to run out, you'll need to empty the mud compartment to feed the new roll of tape or try this: Tape the new roll of tape to the end of the other roll and pull it through.

- The compound surface in a bucket will dry out overnight even when sealed. To help prevent this, clean the sides of the bucket well and pour a little water on the mud surface before sealing the lid.



- 500' rolls of tape are heavier and harder to pull. Place a 6" piece of 2" PVC through the tape roll for a smoother ride as shown below.

**NO HEAVY  
EQUIPMENT TO  
WORK WITH!**





**more mud  
at the  
center of  
the tape**



## **Benefits:**

- Less wasted compound with less overall mess
- Can be used by more than one person
- Ceilings and corners are easy to tape
- Less frustration with more productivity
- Virtually no blisters or bubbles in the finished product
- Makes the project look good
- Feeling of accomplishment
- Cleans easily with water and brush
- The Perfect DIY Drywall Taping Tool for anyone

## Features:

- One step drywall tape and joint compound application
- Choice of two controlled compound thicknesses
- Smooth even coat of compound applied to tape
- Uses industry standard paper or FibaFuse<sup>®</sup> tape.
- Applies more compound to the tape center
- Made of HDPE heavy-duty plastic that will never rust
- Made to sit on a 5-gallon bucket
- Made in USA!



**If you are looking at this product then just buy it.  
You will not be disappointed. Drywall taping has never  
been so easy.**

**- Amazon customer review**



# TESTIMONIALS



## GREAT PRODUCT ★★★★★

*"This product was easy to use, and makes doing touch up drywall jobs quicker and less messy. I can now patch a wall in half the time it used to take me because I don't have to put down the putty then pick up the drywall tape and vice versa."*



## DURABLE ★★★★★

*"The best feature is the ease of mud application and simple cleanup. It's plastic but very durable."*



## ABSOLUTELY A MUST HAVE ★★★★★

*"This tool is a must have for anyone installing drywall in the future. Absolutely a must have. Saves tons of time and energy."*



## SO MUCH EASIER ★★★★★

*"Using this made the taping process so much easier. It was quicker and plus the clean up was a lot easier too! I highly recommend this product for anyone doing a home drywall job."*

## DRYWALL TAPING TOOL ★★★★★

*"The TapeBuddy® saved me time and money by doing the drywall myself. I haven't done much drywall but it looks like a professional did the job instead of me."*

## RIGHT AMOUNT OF MUD ★★★★★

*"I really like this product because it applies the right amount of mud to the tape."*

## TOTALLY TAPE "BUDDY" ★★★★★

*"The TapeBuddy® is great! The ease of use complimented with the great design makes this product a well bought product. Enjoy the hassle-free "auto-mud" feature that makes this a true one-of-a-kind product."*

## MORE PRODUCTIVITY WITH FRUSTRATION ★★★★★

*"More productivity with less frustration with virtually no blister or bubbles in the finished product. Cleans up easily with water and scrub brush and also makes the project look good."*



# CUSTOMER REVIEWS



## **PERFECT TOOL** ★★★★★

*"TapeBuddy® is the perfect tools for the homeowner looking to handle a drywall tape and mud job with ease."*

## **IT WILL PAY FOR ITSELF** ★★★★★

*"This is a great tool for the work I do. It is very handy, does the job as needed without waste of material and is lightweight. The TapeBuddy is easy to set up and when used properly, it will save money in any aspect."*

## **ALLEVIATE PROBLEM** ★★★★★

*"The TapeBuddy® is a labor saving drywall tape dispenser. It applies just the right amount of paste to the tape for a continuous void free application of the tape. Voids and poor coating under the tape can create bubbles in the tape. When painting, the bubbles stand out. It is a great tool. It helps alleviate the problem of the bubbles in the taping process."*

## **ANY SKILL LEVEL** ★★★★★

*"This is a great product for taping drywall. It makes the job clean and quick. It is easy for anyone to use with any skill level. I would definitely recommend this product."*

## **HIGHLY RECOMMEND** ★★★★★

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## **WELL BUILT** ★★★★★

*"Virtually indestructible. Simple design. No moving parts."*

## ★★★★★

*"The quality and durability of the TapeBuddy® tool is fantastic. The fact that it puts just the right amount of drywall compound on the tape is incredible."*

## ★★★★★

*"The TapeBuddy® made taping drywall joints very fast and easy. And the quality of the joints was great! I taped an entire wal in the time it took me to tape one joint using conventional methods. Taping corners were easy, too."*

# How did TapeBuddy® tools help you with your project?

“TapeBuddy® is one fantastic tool. It took me about 10 hours to completely tape a 1200 square foot house from start to finish and included cleanup. I would highly recommend this tool to everyone. ”

~ *Testimonial: Mike, Kansas City, Kansas*

**TapeBuddy® gives you a smooth even tape application for a perfect seam!**

THE TAPEBUDDY® TOOL  
APPLIES MORE COMPOUND TO  
THE TAPE CENTER!!!

**Less wasted compound, less overall mess & a lot less sanding**

“But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.” Galatians 6:4



## Tool Benefits:

- Does not gouge the bucket sides like metal scoops
- Nylon is sturdy yet pliable conforming to the curve of the bucket
- Cleans bucket sides as it scoops material
- Material doesn't fall off the end of the scoop like when using flat metal trowels
- Flat angled side edges scrape the sides as you stir the material
- Usable on drywall compound, paint, asphalt driveway sealer, roof coating, carpet glue, tile adhesive and anything that comes in a 2 to 5 gallon bucket!

## Tool Features:

- One piece HD nylon that won't break or ever rust
- Curved front edge fits the bucket radius
- Beveled edges for a cleaner bucket wall
- Open handle for less material and easy wall storage hanger
- Rounded handle for comfortable fit

**This is yet another great product from Buddy Tools. I use this product all the time without fail. You will never leave a drop of compound in the bucket again. The size and the angle of the front curve makes it a perfect fit in a 5 gallon pail. Cleaning is a breeze.**

**Vincent, Property Manager in NYC**

**It's about time someone made a scoop that works.**

**Sherwin Williams, Store Manager**

# SCOOP THE BUCKET, SCRAPE IT ALL, DO MORE!

Use for all scooping & scraping tasks



**Drywall  
Mud**



**Paint**



**Automotive  
Grease**



**Grills**



**Thinset**



**Epoxy**





# CUSTOMER REVIEWS

## **INEXPENSIVE AND PRACTICAL** ★★★★★

*"Easy to clean rather than the others."*

## **WORKED GREAT!** ★★★★★

*"Perfect to keep your bucket of mud clean. Seems durable but too soon to know for sure yet. Highly recommend."*



*"...This product is really good at cleaning the sides of a bucket, which reduces waste and prevents crusty pieces of mud from getting into the good mud.."*

## **GREAT PRODUCT** ★★★★★

*"Bought this to try cleaning my Weber kettle. Works so good I bought 2."*

## **CAN BE USED TO CLEAN GRILLS** ★★★★★

*"Very handy for cleaning the bowl from a Weber Kettle grill, a must.."*

## **WORKS AS IT SHOULD. EXCELLENT.** ★★★★★

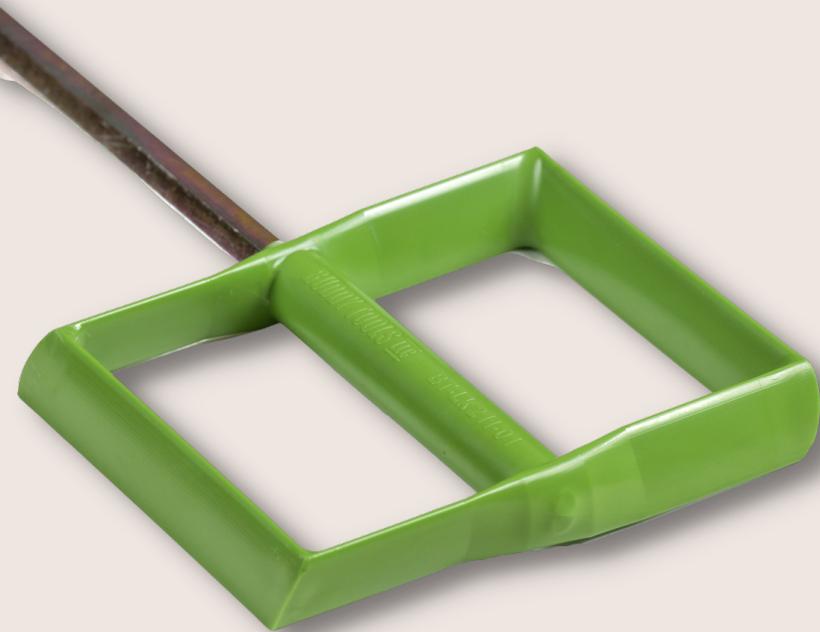
*"Works as it should. Excellent product."*

## **GREAT WEBER KETTLE CLEANER** ★★★★★

*"Works great for cleaning my Weber grill. Not the intended use, but highly recommended!"*

## **WASTE NOT, WANT NOT!** ★★★★★

*"Perfectly engineered to fit a standard 5 gallon bucket. Doing the finish work on the drywall in my basement did not waste a drop of compound using this tool. Works great as a scoop, too."*



## Tool Features:

- 20" overall length
- 4 way ABS non-porous
- elliptical mixing blades
- HD 3/8" plated hex steel shaft
- ABS blades are molded to the center shaft for maximum working power

## Tool Benefits:

- Tool is designed with an ABS
- Smooth, non-porous surface so material doesn't stick making for Super easy cleaning
- Works with most cordless drills (unlike most mixers needing a HD 1/2" drill)
- Does not gouge the bucket sides like metal mixers
- 4 way ABS elliptical mixing blades
- Stir material up or down with drill rotation.
- 20" overall length and flat paddles allows for easy storage
- Usable on drywall compound, paint, epoxy coatings and more. Fits into most one gallon paint cans.

# MIX IT & BLEND IT EFFORTLESSLY!

Mixer for dry and liquid materials



**Drywall  
Mud**



**Paint**



**Adhesive**



**Potting Mix**



**Thinset**



**Epoxy**





# CUSTOMER REVIEWS

## **SO EASY!** ★★★★★

*"This is really simple to use and gets the job done fast. I just insert it into one of my drills and the drill does most of the work. I just move it around the bucket to ensure I am mixing it well. It does hit the side of the buckets but I haven't noticed any issues with either the buckets or the item. After I am done, I just wash the item off. I haven't had any issues thus far."*

## **FANTASTIC** ★★★★★

*"I have finished allot of drywall. This mixer worked great for me. Just the right size."*

## **CLEANER AND SAFER** ★★★★★

*"Definitely recommend for professionals as well as DIYers."*

## **WELL BUILT** ★★★★★

*"This item feels very sturdy not that it is going to break easily. Thumbs up"*

## **GREAT MIXER** ★★★★★

*"great for 5 gal of paint, but also for drywall mud the drain on the cordless drills is a lot, consider using a dedicated mixing unit.. the paddle is rock solid, better than plastic, it will last !!! it already survived a tough fall.. recommended, good value"*

## **INDUSTRIAL GRADE** ★★★★★

*"This far exceeded expectations, its not flimsy, and it performed extremely well on a 5 gallon bucket of paint. That said, since its industrial grade the shaft is thicker, which should put some of the lesser brand of drills out of range, so take note."*

## **STURDY MIXER** ★★★★★

*"It is nice to find a good basic tool made in the US! Works well with a number of different materials. The ABS plastic blades are well formed and effective. They clean up more easily than the metal ones I've used in the past. Even so, the blades seem to be plenty strong."*

## **EASY TO USE AND GREAT IF YOU ARE DOING A BIG JOB.** ★★★★★

*"We had new drywall put up and so we needed something to mix a big batches of "mud." (plaster/fast set) This was super helpful for medium to large mixes of mud. The tip was sturdy and made of hard plastic. The edges were nice and rounded. I was pleasantly surprised of how easy it handled thick mud. It's good quality so I see it lasting a long time. Would buy again."*



## Project Benefits: speed and less errors

The Mark N Guard<sup>®</sup> tool is a perfect solution as an electrical box locator. Just push the Mark N Guard<sup>®</sup> insert into the outlet box and hang the drywall tacking it in place. The tip of the Mark N Guard<sup>®</sup> 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<sup>®</sup> locates and marks the box center without the need to measure eliminating wrong cutout repairs
- Works on single gang boxes for locating the box. Works best on ½" drywall. Can be trimmed to length to fit the boxes you use.
- The Mark N Guard<sup>®</sup> inserted into the electrical box protects the electrical or internet wires from being damaged while cutting the drywall eliminating very costly wire repairs.
- Tool is made with a super tough ABS material
- Tools nest for each storage

Boxes located at the edge or end of a sheet can be easily seen.

Avoid using Mark N Guard<sup>®</sup> tools close to the end of a sheet as the drywall may crack.

**It is truly a  
Mark N Guard<sup>®</sup> at an  
affordable price!**

# How To Use



**1.** Place a Mark N Guard® in every box (you will need one for each box behind the sheet).

**2.** Tack the drywall in place. Apply slight pressure to the box areas and the tip of the Mark N Guard® will pop through the center.

**3.** Insert the cut out tool next to the tip of Mark N Guard®. Move the router until you feel the perimeter of the box. Use the outside of the box as a guide for cutting.

**4.** Remove the drywall plug and Mark N Guard®. You are ready to hang the next sheet!



## Things to Avoid When Using Mark N Guard®

- Make sure not to use Mark N Guard® on drywall edges as this may damage the drywall sheet during installation.
- Do not use it in other double electrical gang boxes because Mark N Guard® is intended for single gang boxes only.
- Avoid using Mark N Guard® on a  $\frac{5}{8}$  inch or thicker drywall sheets. This works best on  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch drywall sheets.
- Avoid improper placement of Mark N Guard® within the outlet. Make sure that the wires are pushed to the back of the box before inserting Mark N Guard®. Push it into the outlet box until fully seated, it will help identify the center of the box while installing drywall.

**PRO TIP:** You can also use Mark N Guard® as a cover for outlet and switch wires when mudding, painting, texturing drywalls and more.



# CUSTOMER REVIEWS

## **STRONG AND RIGID** ★★★★★

*"So easy to use, not like trying to measure for cut-outs the old fashioned way. Would never go back to measuring again, save for boxes with outlets and switches already installed. Product doesn't fit in occupied boxes, only boxes that aren't equipped with items they were designed for."*

## **MIGHT BE WORTH IT FOR DIY, NOT SO MUCH FOR THE PROFESSIONAL** ★★★★★

*"With this tool you just have to trust that the market is right and have to blindly find the edge of the box because this tool makes it difficult to remove the drywall while holding it impaled. This tool also doesn't work very well with multiple outlet/switch boxes because it can't sit snugly and 2 in one outlet doesn't really work."*

## **SAVE TIME AND MONEY** ★★★★★

*"Where have these been all my life. Save time (and thus money) and get perfect cuts every time. Do it. It's worth it. You'll wish you had found these when you were much younger and now you can share your wisdom (as am I) to the world as well."*

## **LISTED AS A BEST PRODUCT OF 2022** ★★★★★

*"I saw a video where they listed this as one of the builders best products of 2022... I wish I had these a few years ago when I started my house remodel, but I'm almost done with the drywall so I decided to return them. They seemed nice and sturdy, sharp point so I wonder how long that will last but they are not cheap. Don't drop one down a shaft or into a wall when using them."*

## **ERROR-FREE MARKING DEVICE** ★★★★★

*"A very worthy product. I waited 2 days to make a purchase because I thought \$18 was too much! I mean really what's it cost to make these things like 5 cents? I went ahead and bought them and I'm very happy. I haven't ruined one sheet of drywall yet. There's five in a set so no problem with single double or triple gang boxes. Makes a mark by putting a dimple in the drywall exactly in the center of the box. From there, you can use a plunge tool or keyhole saw to complete the cutout."*

## **JUST WHAT I NEEDED!** ★★★★★

*"Haven't had a chance to use, but they appear to be very high quality."*

## **TIME SAVER** ★★★★★

*"Easy to use, helps locate single to multiple gang boxes without spending the few extra minutes measuring. And possible errors in measuring especially for green drywall guys. Had to buy extras just in case 😊 would definitely buy more when needed."*

## **MARKS THE SPOT!** ★★★★★

*"Easy to use, wish it had a bigger size for four prong electric receptacle."*

# SUMMARY & CONCLUSION

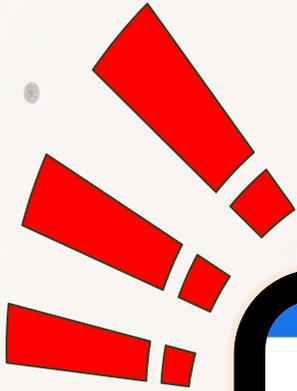
- Drywall taping is a crucial step in finishing any interior project which requires skill and precision to achieve a seamless finish. Mastering the art of drywall taping also requires patience, attention to detail, and the right tools.
- This step involves covering the seams between drywall panels to create a smooth, continuous surface, is crucial to achieving a flawless final result.

The conventional way of drywall taping is complex and can be very stressful, so this is where Buddy Tools' innovative ideas come in. This eBook provides a detailed guide to drywall taping techniques, covering everything from tool selection to preparation of joint compound, and showing that the meticulous drywalling taping process can be simplified using the right tools. These ideas led to the invention of the cleverly-designed and reliable tools from Buddy Tools LLC. Our goal is to be able to provide readily available tools for both DIYers and Professionals. With the help of our tools, we lead you to innovative ways on how to best succeed in your drywall projects with ease by making steps to drywall taping more simple.

By following the tips and techniques outlined in this guide, we hope that you will be able to achieve a smooth, seamless finish without the need to hire professional help. Don't let drywall taping be a taunting task in your interior project that you are dreading to start. Whether you're a seasoned pro or just starting out, the tips and techniques outlined in this guide will help you avoid common mistakes and achieve the perfect finish for your interior project.

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