

Replastering a wall



The key to replastering a wall is to use a universal one-coat plaster. If the walls are very smooth, then you need to chip at them using a brick hammer to give the plaster something to stick to. Your main tools will be a hawk, which allows you to carry small amounts of plaster to the wall and a trowel to apply the plaster.

Coat the walls with PVA mixed 50-50 with water. This will help the plaster to stick. Then mix the plaster by slowly adding the plaster

to clean cold water mixing all the time so that it reaches a thick, creamy consistency, ensuring there are no lumps. Transfer the plaster on to your hawk and take it to the wall. Take about half of the plaster on to the trowel and apply to the wall. Start at the top left and work your way along the top in a line the width of your trowel. Then, with long, sweeping, upward strokes plaster from the bottom up. Use an even pressure throughout and repeat the process for the rest of the wall. For a more texturized finish (rough look), allow the plaster to 'go off' slightly and brush over the lumps and bumps left by the trowel in a random way. This will create a lightly roughened finish. Don't forget to wear goggles.

1: The sentence 'The key to replastering a wall.' refers to:

- The best way to replaster a wall.
- The tool used in replastering.
- The most important factors to remember when replastering.
- The difficult part of replastering.

2: The text says the best type of plaster to use is:

- normal plaster
- 50-50 plaster
- universal one-coat plaster
- PVA plaster

3: A hawk is a:

- board with a handle that holds a supply of wet plaster
- curved piece of metal
- tool used to mix the plaster
- smoothing device

4: The text says walls should first be coated with:

- 50-50 water and one-coast plaster
- one coat plaster
- PVA mixed with water
- water

5: The text says you should mix the plaster by:

- slowly adding clean water to the plaster
- quickly adding clean water to plaster
- mixing it on the hawk as you go
- soaking the plaster in water for 30 minutes

6: The word 'consistency' has a similar meaning as the word:

- paste
- smoothness
- thickness
- cement

7: The text advises you put this amount of plaster on your trowel:

- about one third
- about one half
- about one quarter
- about one part

8: When you begin plastering you should:

- Start at the bottom and work up and down.
- Use the length of your hawk as a guide.
- Work from right to left.
- Start at top left and work your way along the top.

9: Once you have gone across the wall once, you should:

- Plaster the wall just below the new plaster.
- Use short downward strokes for the rest.
- Use long sweeping upward strokes.
- Let it dry before doing the next patch.

10: 'Texturized' means:

- choppy
- rough
- dirty
- fancy