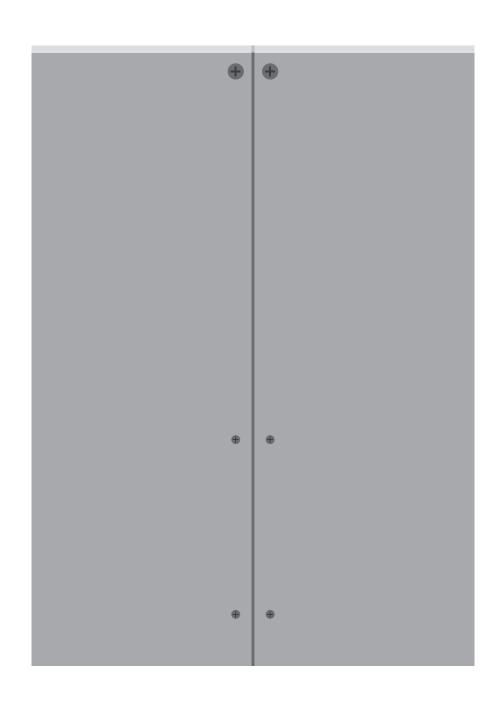
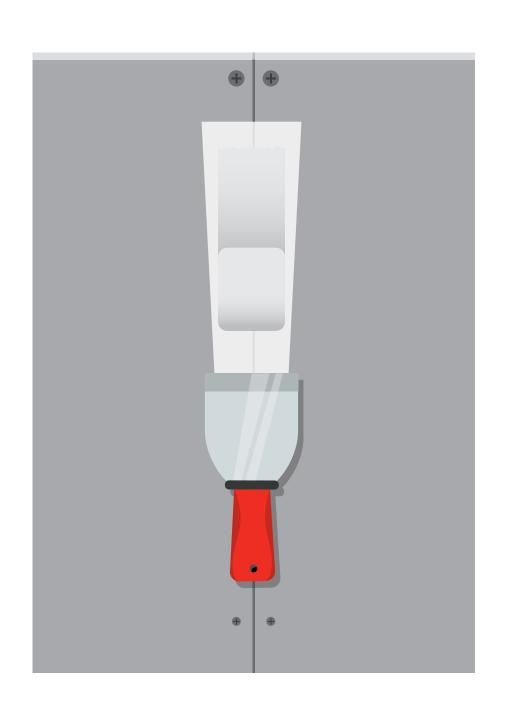


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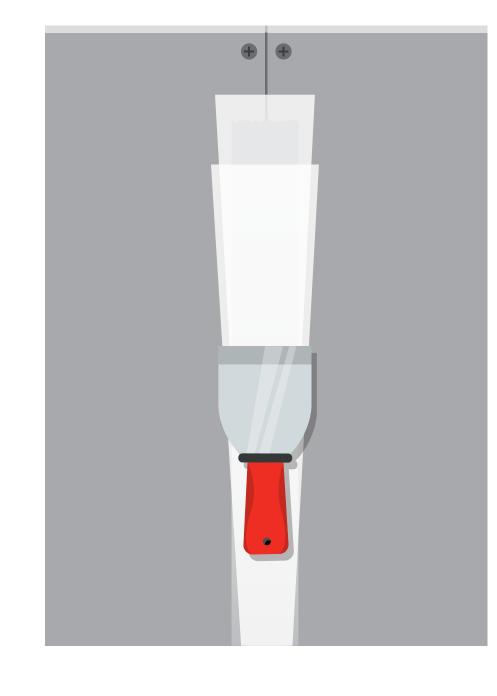
Level 0

- No taping, finishing, or accessories required.
- Used in areas where appearance isn't a concern.



Level 1

- ► Tape is embedded in joint compound at seams and corners.
- Tool marks and excess compound are acceptable.
- Fastener heads do not need to be covered.



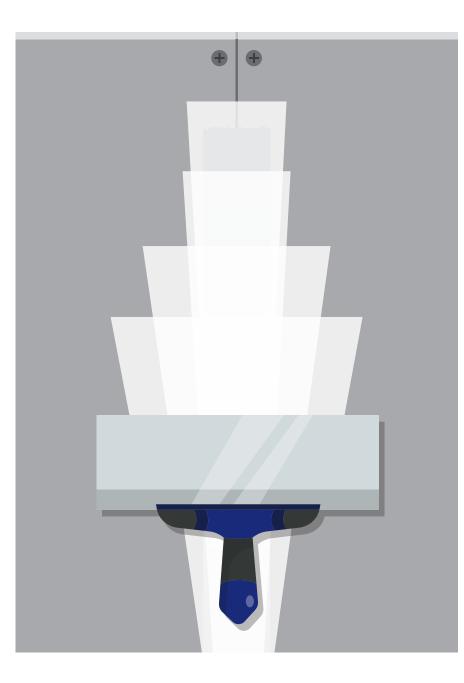
Level 2

- ► Tape is embedded and wiped with a joint knife for a thin, even coat.
- One coat is applied over fasteners and accessories.
- Tool marks are allowed, but excess compound should be removed.



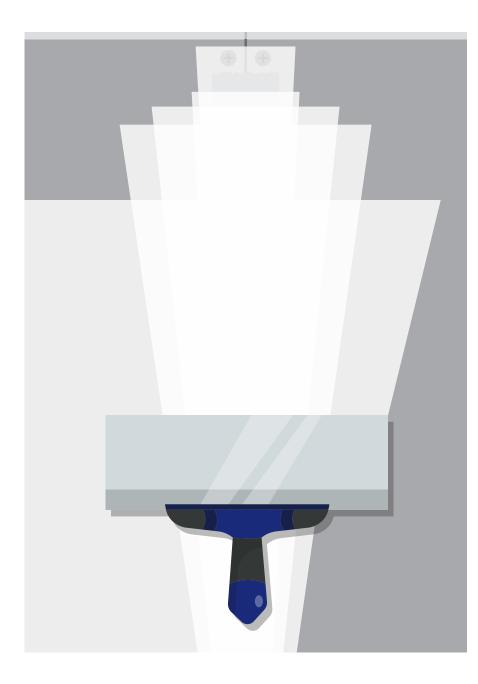
Level 3

- One additional coat is applied to joints and corners.
- Fasteners and accessories receive two coats.
- The surface should be smooth and ready for a textured finish.



Level 4

- Two coats are applied over flat joints and one coat to corners.
- Fasteners and accessories receive three coats.
- The surface should be smooth and free of tool marks or visible defects.
- Recommended for flat paint, light textures, or wallcoverings.



Level 5

- ► A thin skim coat is applied to the entire surface.
- Creates the smoothest possible finish for gloss, semi-gloss, or dark paints.

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