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## *Filling small holes the easy way*

**Q** I will be moving out of an apartment in January and need to fill about 25 small holes made in white painted walls. What do I need to do the job? Will I need to repaint? Please recommend the least expensive way, as I am a college student.

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**A** There are many shades of white, but if you just fill a hole and don't place a large glob of spackling compound on the wall, you probably won't need to paint. One of the best spackling compounds — and perhaps the least expensive — is a tube of DAP Patch Stick. The cap on the tube is a plastic spackling knife. Follow the directions on the container. Use a damp paper towel to carefully wipe away any excess compound from the wall before it dries. You should be able to find DAP Patch Sticks in paint, discount, drug and hardware stores and home centers.