

Strait-Flex® Crack-Tape **Premium Trims and Tapes**

Installation:

1. Run your taping knife over the surface of the damaged area to remove any loose plaster or drywall debris. Measure damaged area and cut Crack-Tape using a scissors or utility knife. For corner applications, fold in half at center crease and adjust to desired angle. Properly mix all-purpose compound or quick-set joint compound per manufacturer's directions. If applying Crack Tape over painted surfaces, add Strait-Flex Super-Bond to enhance bondability.
2. With a 5" or 6" taping knife, apply a smooth, liberal coat of all-purpose compound to corner.
3. Press Crack-Tape into the wet compound. Adjust if necessary to create a straight line.
4. Wipe down tight to surface with taping knife using even pressure.
5. Immediately apply a light skim coat of compound over surface of Crack-Tape. Wipe down smooth. Let dry completely over several hours or overnight.
6. Use taping knife to detect and remove any high spots or dried clumps of compound.
7. With a 6" or 8" taping knife, apply a second coat of compound directly over Crack-Tape feathering the compound beyond previous coat. For drywall, lightweight compound used in this step makes sanding much easier. Let dry completely over several hours or overnight.
8. If further feathering is required, apply another coat of compound using a 6" or 8" taping knife. Extend the compound on both sides by starting from the middle of Crack-Tape. Let dry completely over several hours or overnight.
9. Sand lightly with 120 grit sandpaper. Crack-Tape will not fuzz-up like paper or mesh tapes.

