



YOUR GUIDE TO: SCRAPING A CEILING

TIME

3-4 Days

SKILL LEVEL

Easy

BUDGET

< \$100

MATERIALS

Respirator

Eye protection

Plastic tarp

Painters tape

Ladder

Pressurized lawn sprayer

Putty knife

Box cutter

All-purpose spackle

Sanding sponge

Paintable caulk

Paint (color of your choice)

Paint brushes and rollers

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Before you begin, test your ceiling texture for asbestos with an online kit.
2. Prep your space by laying plastic tarp over your floor and on any appliances or counters. Tape down with painters tape to secure it.
3. Using a box cutter, score the edges where your walls meet the ceiling.
4. Spray down a section of the ceiling with warm water with your pressurized lawn sprayer.
5. If your ceiling is painted over, wiggle your putty knife under the layer of paint and begin scraping. If it is not painted, simply begin scraping off the texture.
TIP: Keep your putty knife as parallel to the ceiling as possible as you scrape.
6. Repeat steps 4-5 until the entire ceiling is scraped and flush.
7. Using the spackle and putty knife, patch up any large holes or gashes in the dry wall.
8. Sand down the patched areas and any extra-rough parts of the scraped ceiling with a sanding sponge.
9. Caulk around all edges where the walls meet the ceiling.
10. Prime ceiling with stain-blocking primer. This will save you a lot of time and paint!
11. Paint the ceiling the color of your choice. Let dry overnight, and you're done!