



## *A bit of background*

Thistle Multi-Finish is a gypsum finish plaster for use on a wide range of backgrounds. It provides a smooth, inert, high quality surface to internal walls and ceilings, and a durable base for the application of decorative finishes. Thistle Multi-Finish is a retarded hemihydrate, pre-mixed gypsum plaster, requiring only the addition of clean water to prepare it for use

## Your Itinerary

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In order to complete this how to guide, you're going to need the following product:

[British Gypsum Thistle Multi-Finish Plaster](#)  
[Plasterers Mixing Bucket 30L](#)

[Flex Mixer Drill 240V](#)  
[Refina Steel Bucket Trowel 180mm](#)

Also

We suggest that you use the following accessories & safety equipment when undertaking this job:

[4Trade Safety Glasses](#)  
[4 Trade Respirator Mask](#)

[4Trade Super Grip Safety Gloves](#)  
[Holdon Tape Measure 8m](#)

# Mixing the Perfect Plaster

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## Pre-Installation

Check that you are installing into a clean, dry environment.

Ventilate the area if possible.

Wear appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

*Prior to installation it's important to ensure you are installing in a clean, dry environment that is well ventilated. We strongly advise that you use Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) listed above.*



## Step 1

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Pour half a bucket of clean water and half a bag of finishing plaster into your mixing bucket.



## Step 2

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Taking your drill and paddle, start mixing up the contents. Make sure you do this thoroughly and reach the parts that are left lumpy or dry.



### Step 3

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As you're mixing, start adding more plaster little by little. Continue to mix with a drill and paddle, slowly adding more and more plaster to the mix – repeating the process. Try not to add too much too quickly.



### Step 4

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Any dry or lumpy parts will affect the quality of your finish and your work. Like when mixing bonding plaster, using half a bucket of water means by the end you should have a full bucket of plaster.



### Step 5

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Remember to use the bucket trowel around the rim of the bucket to ensure any dry parts clinging to the side are mixed in thoroughly.



### Step 6

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As you get close to a finished mix you are looking for a smooth, rich and creamy consistency. If it is still too watery, then add more plaster a handful at a time.



### Step 7

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Once you are happy with your mix, make sure you clean your equipment while the plaster is still wet. This will leave you ready to mix your next batch and makes cleaning and maintaining the equipment much easier.



### Step 8

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Once you have made your mix, you have an average of 40 to 45 minutes to use it. If you don't, it will start to go dry and you will need to make a new batch. These times can change depending on the external temperature.