

Fixing to Walls

Practical skills

Which fixing for which wall, and how to find out what you have.

The wrong fixing pulls out, usually with the plasterboard attached.

Wall	Fixing	Note
Brick / block	Wall plug + screw	Masonry bit, hammer action
Plasterboard, light	Self-drive anchor	Up to ~5 kg
Plasterboard, medium	Metal butterfly / spring toggle	Up to ~20 kg
Plasterboard, heavy	Fix into the stud	Use a detector
Tile	Drill slowly, no hammer	Tape over the spot first
Concrete lintel	Masonry, hammer action	Very hard going

Anything heavy — a TV, a shelf with books, a cabinet — should be fixed into studs or masonry, never into plasterboard alone.