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Uses for a Drywall Bucket

Joint compound is just what you need to use when sealing seams in drywall, but the 5-gallon bucket it comes in just may be more useful than the mud itself.

Store a garden hose:

Coiled in a bucket, it's tangle-free and stored neatly.

Water an outdoor plant:

Drill ¼ inch holes near bottom of bucket and place it next to the plant to give it a long slow drink.

Contain and dispense flashing:

Cut a slot in the side of the bucket and feed the end of the metal spool through it.

Make a dry sink:

Cut a hole in a wood potting bench big enough for the bucket to slide into. Use it to hold flower cuttings.

Farm worms:

Nurture worms in a bucket of leaves, grass clippings and peat moss. Drill tiny holes in the bottom to drain water.

Anchor deck posts:

Cut off the bottom of the bucket with a hacksaw, spray the inside with a concrete release agent, partially bury it where the post will go, and fill with wet cement. Sink a post-anchor in the slurry, and lift up the hollowed-out pail when it sets.

Carry garden tools:

Wrap a canvas tool apron around the outside of a bucket to hold pruners, garden rake, trowels, and spade.

Combine paint:

Even out color variations among several cans of paints by mixing them together in a bucket.

Clean masonry tools:

Hose down trowels and knives in a bucket with ¼ inch holes drilled in the bottom. Stand tools upright to dry.

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