

50 Simple Household Repair Hacks

General Fixes

1. Loose screws in wood? Fill the hole with a toothpick and wood glue before reinserting the screw.
2. Missing stud finder? Use a strong magnet to locate wall studs.
3. Drawer sticking? Rub candle wax, bar soap, or wax paper along the rails.
4. Wobbly table? Add felt pads or folded cardboard under the short leg.
5. Cracked tile? Cover it temporarily with a rug or stencil art.
6. Scratches on wood furniture? Rub with a walnut or use a wood touch-up marker.
7. Loose knobs? Wrap the screw in plumber's tape for a snug fit.
8. Squeaky floors? Sprinkle baby powder into the cracks.
9. Paint chipping? Lightly sand and touch up with matching paint.
10. Light scuffs on baseboards? Buff with a tennis ball or melamine sponge.

Hanging & Wall Fixes

11. Nail holes? Fill with non-gel white toothpaste, smooth, and touch up with paint.
12. Hanging pictures? Use toothpaste on the hanger to mark the wall.
13. Crooked pictures? Add sticky tack to the bottom corners.
14. No level? Use a level app on your smartphone.
15. Picture frame wire too long? Twist and tighten before hanging.
16. Wall dings? Fill with spackle, let dry, sand, and repaint.
17. Scuffed walls? Use a damp sponge with a drop of dish soap.
18. Wall anchors spinning? Use a larger one or add a toothpick for grip.
19. Loose wall-mounted shelf? Check for proper anchors and retighten.
20. Out of matching paint? Use a craft paint close in tone for small touch-ups.

Doors, Cabinets & Hardware

21. Squeaky hinges? Use petroleum jelly or cooking oil.
22. Door won't latch? Adjust the strike plate or screws.
23. Cabinet door misaligned? Tighten hinge screws or adjust the bracket.
24. Sliding doors hard to open? Clean the track and spray with silicone lubricant.

25. Sticky door lock? Use graphite powder or pencil lead.
26. Closet doors off track? Realign and tighten track screws.
27. Door bumpers worn out? Replace with stick-on felt pads.
28. Handle feels loose? Tighten screws from inside or replace washer.
29. Door scraping the floor? Install hinge shims or trim the door.
30. Missing doorstop? Use a rubber wedge or screw-in replacement.

Electrical (Basic & Safe Only)

31. Loose light switch? Tighten the faceplate.
32. Outlet cover won't sit flush? Use a foam spacer behind it.
33. Dim or flickering bulb? Tighten it or try a new bulb.
34. Dirty remote? Clean battery ends with rubbing alcohol and Q-tip.
35. Bulb stuck in socket? Wear gloves and gently twist.
36. Ceiling fan wobbles? Use balancing kit or adjust the blade screws.
37. Extension cords twisted? Wrap around elbow and hand, not wrist.
38. Lampshade loose? Tighten the bulb clip or switch to a harp base.
39. Need extra light? Install peel-and-stick LED touch lights.
40. Safety check: Test outlets with a cheap tester to ensure grounding.

Plumbing & Water Fixes (Simple Only)

41. Slow drain? Pour in baking soda then vinegar; rinse with hot water.
42. Leaky faucet? Replace the rubber washer or cartridge.
43. Toilet keeps running? Adjust chain length or replace the flapper.
44. Low shower pressure? Soak the showerhead in vinegar overnight.
45. Clogged faucet? Unscrew aerator and clean with vinegar.
46. Wobbly toilet seat? Tighten or replace the seat bolts.
47. Small pipe leak? Use rubber patch or plumber's tape for temporary fix.
48. Dishwasher not draining? Check and clear the filter screen.
49. Washing machine shakes? Balance the legs and ensure it's level.
50. Refrigerator noisy? Vacuum the coils and clear back airflow area.

You don't have to know it all—but a few handy hacks go a long way in keeping your home running smoothly!