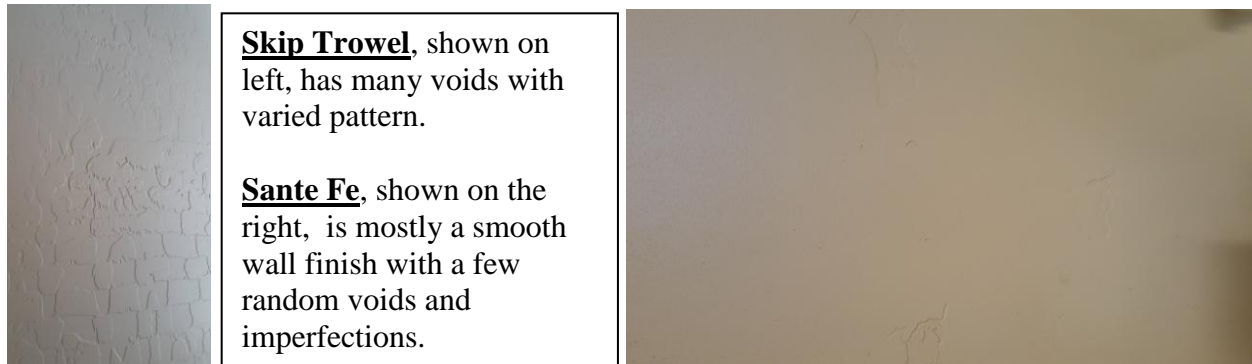




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## **DRYWALL HAND TEXTURE INFORMATION**

Drywall hand texture patterns such as "**Skip Trowel**" and "**Santa Fe**" finish are becoming increasingly popular in homes and buildings - see pictures below.



**Skip Trowel**, shown on left, has many voids with varied pattern.

**Santa Fe**, shown on the right, is mostly a smooth wall finish with a few random voids and imperfections.

Unlike machine applied finishes such as Knockdown, Orange Peel, and Splatter - the Skip Trowel and Santa Fe finish are applied by hand, usually by a crew of multiple workers in a given home or building. Factors such as radiuses, framing, and angles typically lead to a variance in the hand texture pattern. Again, because of these factors, the actual pattern of the hand texture may vary to some extent throughout the home or building. This variance in pattern is what gives the hand texture charm and detail. In other words, a hand texture is not intended to create a perfectly uniform pattern.

Additionally, paint sheen and paint color affect how much the hand texture pattern visually stands out from the wall. For example, a skip trowel finish will stand out more if painted with a colored semi-gloss paint verse being painted with a flat white paint.

**Because of the subjective nature and variance of a hand texture, an industry standard does not exist with respect to what is acceptable or not.** Therefore, Westpac advises Builders, General Contractors, and Subcontractors to construct mock-ups in accordance with the recommendations in GA-214-15 (see item III - mock ups). In most instances, homebuilders do this process by having a Model Home available for viewing by prospective homeowners. If a Model Home is not available, a representative sample can be made on site for the homeowner or building owner to approve prior to construction. It is incumbent on all parties to construct the Model Home or sample in a truly representative manner, including paint color and sheen, so all parties have a realistic expectation of how the finished product will appear.