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How To Repair Squeaky Floors

Creaking floors in your home need not indicate either a defect in the structure or ghosts lurking about the premises. If your floors squeak, don't be alarmed: merely follow this simple recipe.

Utensils

Flat thin chisel
Hammer or mallet
Broom
Vacuum cleaner

Ingredients

Talcum powder

Approximate Time: 30 Minutes

1. Locate the source of the squeak.
2. Open tight floorboards slightly: insert chisel in cracks, tap with hammer, and move chisel lightly from side to side (Fig. 19A).
3. Sprinkle talcum powder into the cracks (Fig. 19B). A few taps on the floor with the hammer will shake the powder into the joints.
4. Sweep powder over squeaky area with broom.
5. Vacuum all excess powder, but be careful not to remove too much from the cracks.
6. If squeak persists, repeat the process.

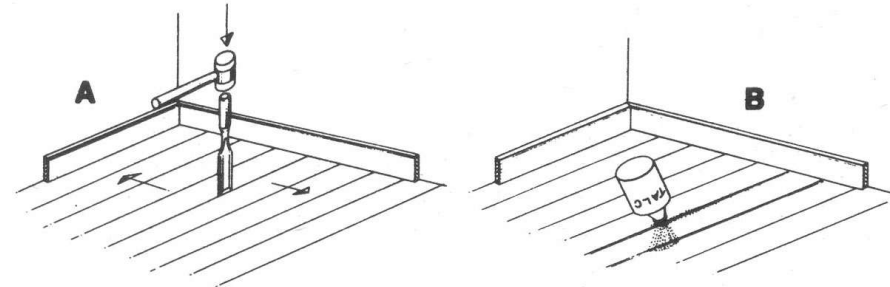


Figure 19.
Eliminating the Squeak