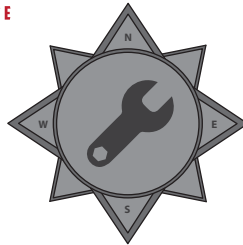


## ATTACHING HARDWARE TO A WALL

As with everything, there is a right and wrong way of doing something, and it's true when it comes to hanging items on the wall. The right solution is probably not, whack another nail in it, but to use the right hardware for the job.

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### EARN THIS NUGGET

- With your parent's help, take an inventory of the hardware used to hang items around your house.
- Look for anything that needs replacing, and work with your parents to get it changed out.

The first thing to ask yourself is, "What am I hanging?" If you are hanging a poster, there are adhesive pads and sticky putty that will hold posters very well, without discoloring or tearing holes in the paintwork. Don't use tape; it's simply not a good idea.

Now, if you have pictures in frames, you'll want to use picture hangers. These work great in drywall or wood. If you have a brick wall, you'll probably want something a little different. (Review the task "Hanging Pictures.")

When it comes to hanging shelves or other items that hold some weight, if you are hanging in drywall, you'll want a drywall anchor. These are sufficient for decorative items and other things that may have some weight, but not for something used all the time.

If you have something that needs real strength, then you are going to have to screw that into the stud behind the drywall. The studs are wooden 2 x 4s that hold the drywall up.

There are a number of other ways to attach things to the walls around the house. See if you can find any other methods around your house.

