Subject: Textured ceilings
Posted by Porter on Sat, 18 Feb 2023 18:42:25 GMT
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Do you guys remember textured ceilings? They were the "it" thing in the 80s and early 90s. Some were called popcorn ceilings, some looked like they were made by fanning out a trowel in damp plaster, and some were very complicated to make. Anyway, I read in This Old House magazine that textured ceilings lead to better room acoustics. How true is that? How much of a difference are we talking about here?

Subject: Re: Textured ceilings
Posted by Madison on Sat, 18 Feb 2023 23:50:25 GMT
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Surely the difference is negligible at best. I know they use textures in opera houses and other music arenas, but those are made out of special materials, like foam and other paneling.

Subject: Re: Textured ceilings
Posted by gofar99 on Sun, 19 Feb 2023 01:54:11 GMT
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Hi, Our house has them....I don't know if they matter much...but anything is better than bare sheet rock.

Subject: Re: Textured ceilings
Posted by Kingfish on Tue, 04 Apr 2023 14:43:50 GMT
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Not good if you're a smoker, though. They are next to impossible to clean. I knew some property managers that hated textured ceilings because when that ceiling leaks water from the roof, you kind of have to replace the whole ceiling.

Subject: Re: Textured ceilings
Posted by Strum Drum on Sun, 30 Jul 2023 14:21:31 GMT
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Come on, I just don't buy it that textured paint helps with acoustics. It's just paint. I think acoustic tiles would do the trick, and they're usually textured, but I can't see textured paint making much of a difference on a ceiling. It's nothing more than an interesting pattern.

Subject: Re: Textured ceilings
Posted by Silver on Sat, 12 Aug 2023 08:03:20 GMT
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Out of all the articles I've read from industry experts, never once have I heard that popcorn ceilings are better acoustically.

It was a construction fad that, fortunately, died a quick death.

Subject: Re: Textured ceilings
Posted by gofar99 on Sun, 13 Aug 2023 02:06:43 GMT
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Hi, They actually do have a purpose in our house....we have radiant heat tapes in the ceiling and the popcorn hides it nicely.