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Removing popcorn ceiling texture can be a messy and time-consuming task, but here's a general guide to help you through the process:

1.   Prepare the Room: Remove all furniture from the room and cover the floors and walls with plastic sheeting or drop cloths to protect them from dust and debris.

2.   Safety Gear: Wear safety goggles, a dust mask, and gloves to protect yourself from dust and debris.

3.   Moisten the Ceiling: Spray a small section of the ceiling with water using a garden sprayer. Let it sit for a few minutes to soften the texture.

4.   Scrape the Popcorn Texture: Use a wide putty knife or a specialized popcorn ceiling scraper to gently scrape off the softened texture. Work in small sections to avoid damaging the ceiling.

5.   Repair Any Damage: Once the popcorn texture is removed, inspect the ceiling for any damage. Repair any cracks or holes with joint compound or spackle.

6.   Sand the Ceiling: After the repairs have dried, lightly sand the entire ceiling to smooth out any rough spots or imperfections.

7.   Prime the Ceiling: Apply a coat of primer to the entire ceiling to seal the surface and ensure good adhesion for the new finish.

8.   Paint or Texture: Finally, you can either paint the ceiling for a smooth finish or apply a new texture if desired. Be sure to use paint or texture specifically designed for ceilings.

Remember to take breaks as needed, as this can be a labor-intensive project. It's also a good idea to test for asbestos before starting, especially if your home was built before the 1980s, as popcorn ceilings during that time may contain asbestos. If asbestos is present, it's best to consult with a professional for safe removal.