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# Deco brick

The installation is also important,  
just like choosing your stone.





## Installation guide for deco brick

Deco brick is used for cladding interior and exterior walls as well as facades of buildings, but never for flooring. From the same family with the brick used for building the Great Wall, the deco brick has pure decorative purpose. Made from clay, this brick is used as building material is. Soft when wet, it gets harder when dried and becomes very hard after curing (can withstands over 300 kg / sq. cm). Basically, the deco brick has many of the traditional brick's features: resistance to compression, porosity, durability, ability to withstand all weather conditions etc. Besides all these undisputable features, decorative brick has also one main decorative purpose, because the wall cladded with deco brick highlights a balanced antique style. Other important feature is the cost-effective installation, since it will not need plaster, because adhesive will be sufficient after preparing the underlay.

## Here are the steps for installing deco brick:

1. Choose one the following bond patterns (with examples):



Stretcher Bond



English Bond



Flemish Cross Bond



Flemish Bond



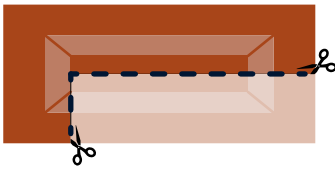
English Garden Wall Bond



Flemish Garden Bond



2. Lay out the deco bricks on the floor, following the pattern. Establish the pattern for the edges.
3. Prepare the surface, based on its features. Clean the surface and level uneven areas. Underlay needs to be dry, clean and stable and no bumps.
4. Measure the surface and separate the size of the first raw, following the pattern.



5. If necessary, cut the bricks using the same tools as for natural stone (wet saw with diamond disc).



6. Apply a suitable adhesive on both the brick and the underlay. Lay out the first brick.

7. Use spacers for shaping the joint. Lay out the first layer of brick, check the level and adjust the bumps.



8. Do not grout the joints; the natural look is highlighted by an apparently rough pattern, shaped with adhesive. This design quantifies the use of bricks, since we are practically installing only half bricks. Of course, you will also have cases in which you will need to grout the joints.

9. Clean and seal the surface. Deco brick is an absorbent material, so it will need sealing and aftercare, especially for exterior decoration projects.



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