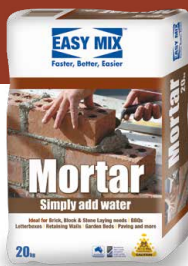


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brick, block and pavers.**



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You will need

- ✓ Shovel and rake
- ✓ Mixing board or wheelbarrow
- ✓ Spirit level
- ✓ String line
- ✓ Tape measure
- ✓ Hammer, saw and nails
- ✓ Brickie's trowel
- ✓ Joint raking tool
- ✓ Measuring jug
- ✓ Bricks or blocks
- ✓ Brick bolster (for end pieces)

Directions

- 1 Prepare your footing (see how to install and lay a slab flyer).
- 2 Either set up string lines to guide placement of your bricks or draw perpendicular guides on the slab.
- 3 On a mixing board or wheelbarrow, slowly add approximately 2 litres of water to half a 20kg bag of mortar. A stiff, even mix is best.
- 4 Spread a 25mm coating of mortar along the footing, covering the length of roughly 1-4 bricks or blocks.
- 5 Position the end of the first brick and tap into place with the trowel handle.
- 6 Spread the mortar along the end of the next brick and place in position. Leave a 10mm joint space.
- 7 Check levels as you go and adjust by tapping with the trowel. Scrape off any excess mortar.
- 8 Use a bolster to split a brick in half for placement at the end of rows. Gently tap each side until it breaks.
- 9 When the mortar begins to set, use a joint raking tool to rake joints and compress the mortar.
- 10 Keep damp for the first seven days to assist hardening. Your wall will achieve full strength after 28 days.



1 Mark out position 2 Check string guides



3 Mix 4 Place mortar



5 Lay first brick 6 Tap into place



7 Put mortar on end 8 Position brick



9 Check levels 10 Split for end pieces



11 Rake mortar 12 Wipe down excess

Helpful tips

- Make sure you use protective gloves, eyewear and a mask when using dry ingredients.
- If your mix gets too wet, leave the mixture for a few minutes until it thickens. Sprinkle water into the mix if it becomes too dry.
- Regularly check that your wall is level and in a straight line as you work.
- Leave mortar out of some of the vertical joints in the first course of larger projects to allow for drainage.
- Rake the joints every 3-4 courses.
- Use a wet sponge to remove any mortar smudges on your bricks.