

# How to Lay Bricks with Westbuild Mortar



## Ideal for

- Above ground structures more than 1km from coastline - M3 Classification
- Small brick walls and paving headers
- Letter boxes and all brick built structures
- Ready to use straight from the bag

## How much to use

- 1x 20kg bag is sufficient to lay approximately 20 standard bricks
- If using as a single coat render, 20kg will cover 1m<sup>2</sup> at 10mm thick



## Tools you will require

- Bucket
- Shovel
- Brickies trowel, finishing tools
- Wheelbarrow, mud board or mixer
- Spirit level and string line
- Wooden float or steel trowel if rendering

## Step 1 – Prepare

- Measure and plan the quantity or where the mortar is to be used prior to any works
- Ensure you have adequate spare material as some wastage will occur if laying for the first time

## Step 2 – Mix the mortar

- Empty contents of bag into the barrow or onto the non-porous mixing board
- Slowly add water until a workable mixture is achieved
- Westbuild Mortar is ready to use from the bag as it already contains builders lime



## Step 3 – Building the wall

- When laying bricks, first lay a trowel length of mortar where the brick is to be placed. Using the tip of your trowel, work a V shape through the centre to ensure mortar reaches the edge of the brick
- As each brick is laid ensure you 'butter' the end
- A string line properly set will ensure a straight wall is built, using a spirit level will also ensure you wall stays level and true



## Step 4 – Important Information

- Always check with your local council to comply with regulations
- Brick ties and building straps should be used where required
- Clean as you go. It is easier to clean tools and finishing tools after it firms but before it dries



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