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# Brickwork And Bricklaying: A DIY Guide



## BRICKWORK & BRICKLAYING

A DIY HANDBOOK

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## Synopsis

Brickwork and Bricklaying is written for those who are new to the craft of bricklaying, and those who are improving their skills. It provides an overview of the materials, processes, craft skills and related subjects to enable the reader to construct their own simple brickwork projects and undertake brickwork-related maintenance projects around the home. The book covers: Materials; Constituents and mix proportions of good quality concrete and mortars, and how to successfully mix both, with an overview of different types of bricks and blocks; Foundations: How to place, compact and cure concrete for simple foundations and bases; Setting-Out: Methods of setting out the positions of simple wall lines, corners and buildings; Bricklaying: Overview of tools required; step-by-step methods and instruction on all the basic craft skills of bricklaying from first principles; different methods of bonding and finishing mortar joints; Boundary Walls: Design principles for boundary and garden walls, including the application and construction of piers; Decorative Brickwork: Simple methods of decoratively enhancing brickwork projects; Maintenance: Identification of the common defects associated with brickwork and masonry and methods for rectifying those defects. A practical guide aimed at those who are new to the craft of bricklaying and also for those who are improving their skills. Provides details of materials, processes and craft skills for the reader to construct their own simple brickwork projects and maintenance around the home. Superbly illustrated with 110 colour photographs and 160 diagrams. Jon Collinson has been involved in bricklaying within the construction industry, as well as teaching brickwork, for over twenty-five years.

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I am currently working in Myanmar and have been looking for a useable text book for vocational teachers to use for reference when developing student handouts and learning resources. Brickwork and bricklaying could be that book. However, whilst it claims to be suitable for all skill levels, it does require a good basic level of knowledge and skill because it does not fully explain processes. However, I have recorded the information which I will be able to purchase hard copies.

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Informative. Must read.

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