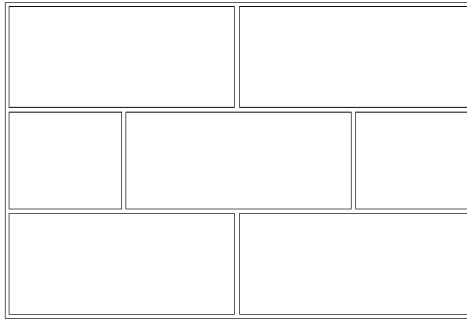


HINTS AND TIPS ON THE USE OF REAL STONE CLADDING

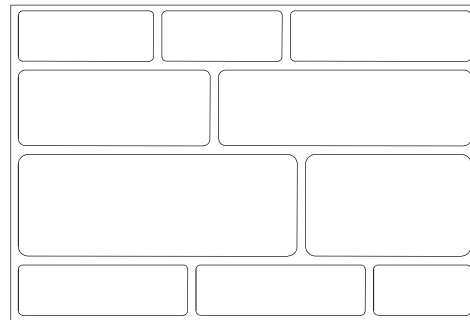
We have 2 types of Cladding stone, Rough Faced Stone and Dressed Stone.

Dressed Stone

Before you begin fixing your stone in place, stick on any dressings such as Quoin stones, Window Cills, Lintels, Keystones or Arches if you are using them. Then, lay your stone pieces out until you are happy with their position. You can allow up to 1 mm for joints if you wish (usually Dressed stone is laid tight together especially if used with Quoin stones).



DRESSED STONE



ROUGH FACED STONE

CUTTING & SHAPING STONE

To cut Rough Faced Stone simply snip to size as you lay with our Modelling Tool.

For Dressed Stone simply score with a craft knife and ruler on both sides and snap over a straight edge, or if you are using one of the harder stones such as Blue or Green Stone you can use a junior hacksaw or a mini drill with our Cutting Disc & Cutting Disc Holder. (There is a video showing you how to do this)

You can round off or flatten uneven cut edges by rubbing onto medium grade sandpaper.

FIXING

Once you have finished laying out and cutting your pieces to fit then glue into position using our PVA Adhesive. Allow to dry thoroughly.

SEALING & GROUTING

You do not have to seal/grout either of these products if you have laid them flush together with no gaps.

Before grouting mix up a 50/50 mix of our PVA Adhesive and Water and brush over the stone to seal the surface, this will also bring out the colour of the stone, then allow to dry thoroughly.

Using our Mortar/Grout Mix, mix 100g of mortar/grout with 2 level Tbsp (30mls) water and 1/2 teaspoon of PVA. Full instructions are on the inside of the label. Using a clean dry paintbrush smooth mix over your Stone filling all joints as you go, work on a small area at a time no bigger than 5" x 5. Immediately, using cold water, wipe off the excess grout from the stone with a damp sponge, rinsing your sponge regularly until all surplus grout has been removed. Clean until NO residue is coming off on your Sponge, then clean one more time! Do not leave to dry until you are certain that you have removed all surplus grout from the stone. Leave to dry overnight. We have a grouting video for you to watch that shows how this is done.

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ROUGH FACED STONE

This is a beautiful product and gives you an instant look as soon as you start sticking it down. They are Individual pieces of stone 2-4mm thick with a flat back for easy fixing to any firm surface but with a lovely natural rough face for the perfect finish for old stone buildings and walls of all kinds.

Laying your Rough Faced Stone

Before you begin fixing your stone in place lay your stone pieces out until you are happy with their position, you can allow up to 1mm for joints if you intend to grout them in. Joints would be staggered in order to strengthen the building in full size so remember to emulate this when sticking onto your model. Rough Faced stone is supplied in 3 different widths (10mm/15mm & 20mm) in various length pieces. It is designed to be laid in regular courses of the same width pieces, as shown, however you can change this to a more random mix if it better suits the character of your model.

We also do a huge range of different Grade Real Stone & Flint Grits to clad your models, see our Grits instruction sheets on how to use these.

For more information on any of our Product Range telephone us at the number below or visit our website at **www.miniaturebricks.com**.

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