



Setting out cradles

Find the highest point on the sub-floor with a rotating laser or dumpy level. Place a cradle (without packers) on this point to establish a setting-out point or datum. Set out cradles in the pattern shown.

Laying Pattern: Two batten stagger to avoid stave joint repetition

Setting out battens

Use a full board to establish the position of 'main bearers at either end of the board. Mark batten centres on the board and use it as a staff to maintain the correct distance between rows, and as a levelling straightedge.

Place battens in the first row and level them up from the datum, inserting packers as necessary in the direction of the battens. If extra depth is required, turn cradles at right angles to use the 32mm elevation.

Repeat the process with row 5, and level batten rows 2-4 using the straightedge to span between main bearer rows. Continue to create new rows of main bearers as work proceeds and fill in with rows of intermediate battens at the correct centres, using the straightedge.

