



# INSTALLATION GUIDE

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# TOOLS REQUIRED

We recommend having the following tools available to ensure a quick and easy installation process;

1. Notched Adhesive Spreader
2. Mixing Bucket
3. Brick Slip Spacers
4. Mortar pointing gun
5. PVA Glue
6. 4" Paint brush
7. Brick Jointer
8. Wire Brush



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# **SURFACE PREPARATION**

## **GETTING STARTED**

Our Brickslips can be adhered to various different sub-strates when using our Rapid Set Adhesive.

First of all you need to identify your substrate and ensure it is suitable to carry sufficient weight (35kg/m<sup>2</sup>);

## **BRICKWORK, BLOCKWORK, RENDER, PLASTER;**

1. Using the wire brush remove all loose debris and dust from the substrate.
2. Using our PVA primer, mix 1 part PVA with 4 parts water and apply generously using a 4" paint brush. Allow to dry before commencing the next step. \* Some substrates may require more than one coat to be adequately sealed.

## **PLYWOOD, CEMENT PARTICLE BOARD, PLASTERBOARD,XPS, EPS;**

1. Ensure the surface is free from debris and dust.
2. The above substrates do not need sealing before adhesive is applied.

Continue with the next step.

# SETTING OUT

## GETTING IT RIGHT

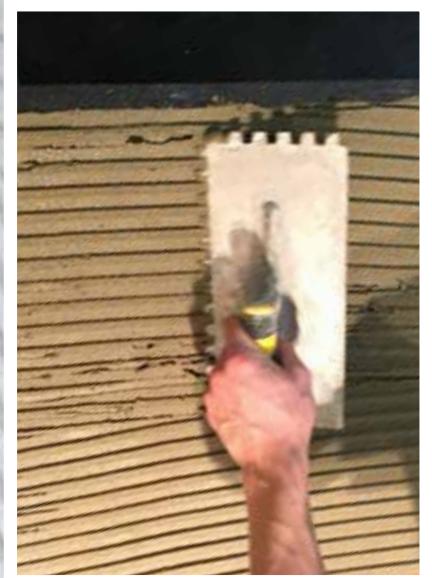
This is one of the most important steps to a successful installation, and can make the difference between a good project and a great project!

Starting at the bottom of the wall, mark straight and level line across from one side to the other - this will be your starting point for the first layer of Brick slips. You may be able to utilise existing features such as skirting boards, render beads etc for this stage.

## IMPORTANT ADVICE

It is vitally important that you lay from the bottom upwards and have a level first course of Brick slips, as the further up the wall you get the more noticeable the level will be if it is out.

# ADHESIVE APPLICATION



## APPLICATION OF THE ADHESIVE

For this step you will need your mixing bucket, notched comb spreader and rapid set adhesive.

1. Add 4.2 litres of cold clean water to your mixing bucket
2. Add the entire contents of the Rapid Set Adhesive bag to your mixing bucket, and stir until you have a homogenous paste free from lumps.
3. Using your notched trowel apply an even and consistent layer of the adhesive to your substrate, starting where the first tile is to be installed and working across horizontally to complete at least one full row of brick slips.

### PRO TIP

We recommend covering 1-2m<sup>2</sup> of your substrate with adhesive at a time to give you sufficient time to install the brick slips

# BRICK SLIP LAYING

## LAYING OF THE BRICK SLIPS

Now you are ready to start laying your brick slips.

We always recommend you lay from several boxes of brick slips at the same time to ensure a nice even colour variation, and to avoid any "banding" issues.

1. Starting at one end of your wall, push the first brick slip firmly onto the adhesive applying even pressure across the whole face of the brick slip.
2. After the first slip is installed push the 10mm T spacer into the adhesive at the end of the brick slip, and then apply the next brick slip, making sure it is tight up against the T spacer.
3. Repeat this process, laying in horizontal runs until you have completed the wall.
4. Corners are installed in the same process as the brick slips.

### PRO TIP

Our own brand plasrti 10mm T Spacers can be left in-situ and pointed over instead of removing them.



# BRICK SLIP CUTTING

## CUTTING THE BRICK SLIPS

Depending on your project and the dimensions of your wall you may need to cut brick slips to ensure a perfect finish.

1. Carefully mark out the brick slips to be cut, it is best practice to mark out all the slips and cut them all together.
2. Using a tile cutter, angle grinder etc, carefully cut through your marked line, ensuring a light and consistent pressure is applied.
3. Once you have your cut pieces, remove all dust and debris from the back face of the brick with a wire brush.

### PRO TIP

Cutting brick slips can create dust, always wear sufficient personal protective equipment and complete all cutting outdoors.



Please contact our technical team on 0844 567 8811 if you require advice on the most suitable tools for brick slip cutting.

# MORTAR POINTING

## HOW TO MORTAR POINT

For this step you will need your mixing bucket, mortar pointing gun, and gun injected mortar.

1. Add 3.75litres of cold clean water to your mixing bucket, \*amount of water required varies between colour\*
2. Using the wire brush ensures all joints are free of debris
3. Gradually add the entire contents of the historic gun injected mortar bag to your mixing bucket, and stir until you have a stiff cream consistency free from lumps.
4. Allow the mortar to rest for 5 minutes after mixing.
5. Using the scoop provided with your mortar pointing gun, fill the gun 3/4 full with mortar and insert the plunger.
6. Starting at the top of your wall and working down fill the joints until level with the brick slip face with mortar.
7. Once the mortar is semi dry use the jointing tool to smooth the mortar to achieve your desired pointing effect, use the wire brush to remove any excess as you go.



# AFTERCARE

## SUPER SIMPLE, SUPER EASY

Brick slips are essentially a maintenance free product that will require little or no aftercare in their lifetime.

Here are a few pointers to keep your brick slip façade looking fantastic for years to come;

1. Always clean any liquids other than water that come into contact with the brick slips immediately, using a soft cloth and cold water.
2. If they are to be used behind a cooker, where strong coloured food products will regularly come into contact with them it is advisable to seal the brick slips and the mortar with a natural stone sealer, this will prevent any staining issues.
3. If you need to drill any holes for picture/shelf hanging etc, always ensure you drill through the mortar joint and not the brick slip, using a small drill bit as a pilot hole first.

For any other questions relating to the aftercare of your brick slips, please contact our technical department who will be happy to help you with your query.

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The Brick Slips Team.