

One Step Grout & Installation for Brick Veneer

Ignore most grouting instructions, and follow these simple guidelines to maintain the character of your antique brick.

DO NOT smear the mortar/grout all over the face of the brick and then try to wipe it off. The brick are too rough - you cannot wipe it off!

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- Tile mortar (we use Ultraflex 2 white, from Lowes)
- Sanded Grout w/polymer (Keracolor) in a color darker than you want it to be when finished
- Water
- Notched trowel
- 5 Gallon Bucket
- Drill and paint mixing tool
- Grout sponge
- Bucket with clean water for rinsing

1. CHOOSING A GROUT COLOR:

Select a grout color (we use a light tan) darker than the color you want when finished because when you mix it with the tile cement it will lighten the color. You may want to “test mix” a small amount and let it dry before you begin. The grout can make a big difference in how your finished wall will look. We try to match the color to the old mortar that is left on the brick.

2. MIXING THE GROUT

Mix your cement and grout together 50% of each with water to a consistency of pudding (not too dry, but will stand up on your trowel and not drip off when picked up). Use a paint mixer attached to a drill to mix the solution.

3. BACK BUTTER THE BRICK

Back butter each brick heavily about 1/2” to 3/4”. Apply enough of the mixture to the back of the brick to fill your grout lines.

4. PRESS THE BRICK IN PLACE

Press the brick to the surface you are bricking. Press hard until the grout/thinset oozes out around the brick -- **this will be your grout.** You can slide the brick in place easily.

5. CLEAN AS YOU GO

As you go, take a wet sponge (rinsed frequently in clean water) and wipe off the excess mixture on the face of the brick.

6. LAY YOUR BOTTOM ROW FIRST

Then start laying the row above. Line up each brick where you want it - slide it tight to the next brick and continue to wipe off the excess and pack the grout between the brick, being **careful not to smear it all over the face of the brick.**

7. FINISHING UP!

When finished the brick veneer are stuck to your surface and you have grouted them at the same time! Keep in mind that perfection is not what you are going for - an old brick wall is what you want. This is absolutely the easiest veneer application available!

You may apply a sealer after 48 hours or when grout is completely dry.