

## *Masonry ‘Bricks’ Installed By Home Handyman*



**SIMULATED BRICK** kitchen is the weekend work of a home handyman using only simple household tools. The "bricks" are made of crushed stone and fiber glass and come in easy - to - install panels.

Time was when a brick or stone kitchen was very expensive. Masonry in the cooking area was restricted to very posh homes.

Now, with the introduction of man-made masonry panels, practically anyone can have the look and feel of brick or stone in the kitchen. The panels are designed for home handyman installation, and they come complete with mortar.

A brick-like panel is made by Masonite Corp. from crushed stone and fiber glass. The panels, covering approximately two square feet each, can be installed over any wall surface.

Half-inch ring shank nails are used for installation on drywall, plaster or other nailable surface. Nylon expansion bolts, supplied with the panels, are used when applying the panels to cement walls.

**SINCE DRYWALL** and plaster walls are usually backed by 2 by 4 studs on 16-inch centers, you should be able to nail into at least two 2 by 4 studs at several points in each of the 28 3/4-inch panels. On those instances when you will hit only one stud behind the panels, the nylon expansion bolts should be used for added support.

Whether nails or expansion bolts are used, it is important that maximum adherence is obtained. Nail into as many studs as possible, making sure you use a sufficient number of expansion bolts to keep the panel from bowing.

Installation begins at the top of the wall. Start by cutting off the two half - bricks that extend beyond the end of the panel (save these two ends). Then nail the panel to the studs at the mortar lines.


THE NEXT and subsequent

panels should be installed by the same procedure. Open ends of panels at outside corners, doorways or open arches should be filled with paper. Mortar or moldings will provide a finished look to these filled open ends.

When working at the floor line, cut the panels so that the last row is snug with the floor. If the floor is not level, cut the panels at the required level.

After all panels are fastened to the wall, apply mortar in a 1/4-inch bead in all recessed mortar lines of the bricks. Mortar is applied through a cartridge -type caulking gun. The extruded mortar bead can be smoothed with a trowel. General setting time is 24 to 48 hours. Spills and

The brick-like panels are both moisture and heat resistant. Dirt and grease can be removed simply by wiping with a wet sponge or ordinary household detergent.

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● Plan early for any landscaping you may want to do. Visit your landscape architect now for help in deciding where to plant. Then pick out or-

namentals and shrubs for your

● Protect your shrubs and trees from winter hazards. Check plants after heavy storms and carefully brush off excess snow and ice with an old broom. Heavy snow loads

- Protect roadside shrubs from salt damage by setting up a low fence covered with burlap or some other heavy material between the plants and the road.
- Use stakes to support tall spindly plants against winter winds.

In summary, your basic objective is to prevent cold, dry winter conditions from drying out newly set plants. You will save replacement costs as well as having more vigorous plants to enjoy next spring.



CONTEMPORARY hobby room was planned for a young couple whose interests include rock collecting, reading and weaving. Chess set is placed front and center on a transparent cube table. Primary walls are paneling, painted a stark white. For contrast, shelf unit is fronted with a prefinished hardboard paneling that simulates rosewood.

## Herb Garden Easy To Install

• A herb garden adds a dash of spice to cooking chores. So why not create one in your own kitchen?

plants fit into the perforations. Readily available at lumber dealers and building supply stores, the panels come prefinished or ready to paint.

A wall panel of perforated hardboard will do the trick. The panel is easily installed over furring strips attached to the existing wall.


In addition to the herbs' distinctive smells and delicious tastes, the hanging garden will make a refreshingly different wall accent.

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
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