

# Laying blocks with mortar — tutor notes

In this section, students:

- Mix mortar
- Lay blocks with correct mortar joints.

**Work with students through each part of the workbook notes.**

## In addition:

### Talk about

Getting the mortar mix correct:

- Use **just** enough water. Too little and the mix is difficult to work with. Too much and it is sloppy and will be weak.
- Mix and mix and mix — for at least 2 minutes
- Mix only enough for 30mins work.

### Show

How to

- Pick up and bed mortar onto the blocks and “butter” the edges.
- Lay a block into the mortar and tap it into position
- Use a homemade height stick to check the height of blocks.

Finish the joints with a finishing tool (jointer).

### Help

And give guidance as students lay blocks for their project wall.

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