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.

Work with students through each part of the workbook notes.