



# Frequently Asked Questions

## How do we get started?

For the initial course and again above the DPC, every other T Block should have its stalk removed (See Page 17). Start laying at the corners and work in to the middle alternating the “Stem Up” T Block with the cut T Block. Alternatively a plinth block can be used under the DPC.

Thereafter, working in courses, the T Blocks should be laid “stem up”, “stem down” and so on with infill blocks used to fill the gaps in the courses. Where there are door / window openings work from the both the opening and the corner into the middle.

## Where do I take my building line off the block?

Due to the differing profiles, we suggest that the line is taken at the point where the false joints commence.

## Should I add any additives - plasticiser?

Not generally necessary other than proprietary mortar mixes.

## Do I need to colour my mortar?

Mortar joints should either match the stonework shade or in the cases of weathered shades, match the lightest colour of the blended shade. The colour of the joints should match in with the Walling.

## How can I avoid cutting?

- Cutting can be limited through careful design, ensuring lengths of stonework suit the Masonry modular size and avoid small piers and buttresses. Any pieces left from a cut block will also be used within the walling and this minimises waste.

## Do I need to mix pallets like in brickwork?

Yes, to ensure equitable and aesthetic spread of the differing, random colours inherent in all Bradstone shades.

## How do I clean Bradstone Masonry Walling?

When building Bradstone Masonry Walling- careful attention should be paid to continuous cleaning of surplus mortar on the stone face before it dries hard during the construction process. If allowed to harden, removal at this stage can result in the loss of the surface face.

Cleaning general - it is not necessary to clean the stonework face as this will affect the weathering process which is part of the charm of Bradstone. However, if this is necessary, this should not be undertaken regularly (ie not less than at 5 year interval). In these circumstances, the cleaning should be carried out with a LOW POWER pressure washer - if pressure too strong and exercise carried out too frequently, this may result in damage or removal of stonework face.