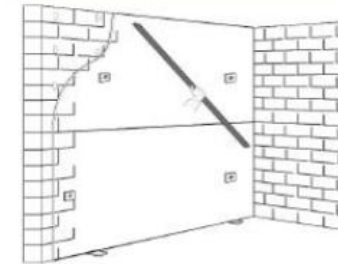


Covering a Brick Wall

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Before you start...One of the first things to remember when applying plasterboard to a masonry wall is it will reduce the size of the room. The thickness of plasterboard and adhesive is 20mm so take into account the effect this will have on your window frames, door frames, skirtings and power points.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED...TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT

- 10mm or 13mm MastaBoard
- MastaGrip Masonry Adhesive
- 100mm, 150mm and 200mm
- Broad Knife
- All Purpose Compound
- Hammer
- Clouts
- Measuring tape
- Trimming knife
- T-square
- String line
- Joint tape
- Clean bucket

PREPARATION

1. Use a string line or straight edge to determine whether the brickwork is level. If your wall is straight without slight dips exceeding 15mm use the "True Wall Surface Method" detailed on the next page.
2. Wall Surface should be dry, clean and free of dust and other particles. Any paint should be removed from bonding points by grinding the surface with a grinder or chipping the paint off to ensure a key surface.

DIRECT BOND - TRUE WALL SURFACE

3. MastaBoard is usually fixed horizontally but may be fixed vertically (if this will lead to less joints). Allowing for the thickness of the sheet and the adhesive, mark a line on the floor and the ceiling as a guide for the face of the MastaBoard.
4. Mark vertical lines 50mm in from an internal corner and 50mm from where the first sheet will end. Then mark vertical lines between there at 450mm (maximum) centres (see diagram 1). Continue this procedure for each sheet.

Diagram 1

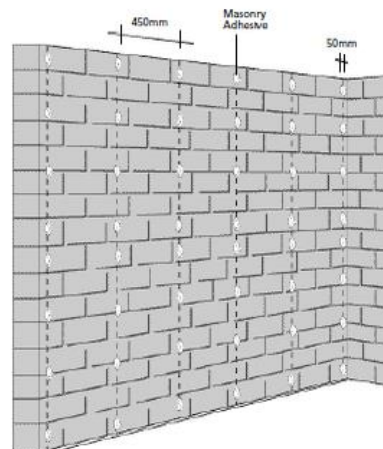
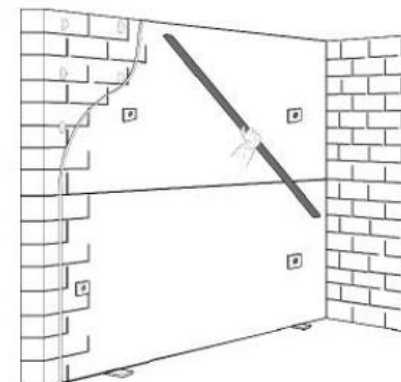


Diagram 2



FIXING THE SHEET

5. Cut MastaBoard to the required size.
 6. Add sufficient masonry adhesive to clean water to mix to a smooth consistency. Follow mixing instructions on packaging carefully.
 7. Apply daubs of adhesive to the vertical lines at 450mm centres.
 8. Daubs should be 100mm long by 10mm thick.
 9. Working with one sheet at a time, position the sheet leaving a 10mm gap between the bottom of the sheet and the floor and press firmly against the cement (see diagram 2)
 10. Ensure that the back of the MastaBoard is in full contact with the cement.
 11. Use clouts to hold sheets in place until masonry adhesive sets. If the masonry is too hard to nail into, you may need to use temporary blocks or supports to hold sheets in place.
- Allow 24 hours for the job to dry then carry out jointing as follows.

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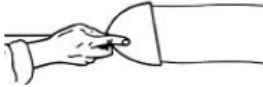
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FINISHING THE JOINTS

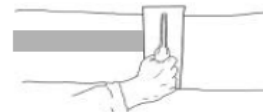
12. Apply All Purpose Compound to the top joints then bed joint tape into the compound. Allow to dry.



13. Using a 100mm broad knife, smear All Purpose Compound over the tape. Smooth the area off. Allow 24 hours for drying, then sand.



14. Using a 150mm broad knife, spread the All Purpose Compound wider to hide joints. Once again, allow the area to dry and then sand off.



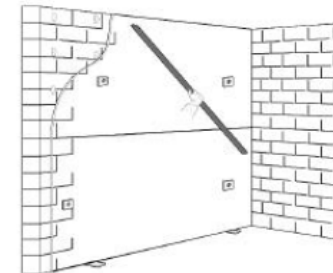
15. Using a 200mm broad knife, spread the All Purpose Compound wider again to approximately 200mm and then sand off to a neat smooth finish. This process may be repeated if necessary.



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