

STEP 1 > Surface Preparation

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EZ Brick can be installed over most surfaces, though some may require preparation. For standard painted drywall, follow the steps below:

- Remove outlet covers, thermostats, wall décor, and any removable fixtures. Use painter's tape to protect items that cannot be removed, such as vents or adjacent walls.
- Remove baseboards and trim by scoring the caulk line with a utility knife.
- Gently pry the baseboards away from the wall using a pry bar and hammer, working gradually to avoid wall damage.
- Protect the floor by laying down plastic sheeting and securing it with tape for easy cleanup.
- Lightly sand painted surfaces using 80-grit sandpaper in a circular motion to roughen the surface for improved adhesion. Heavy pressure is not necessary.
- Once sanding is complete, wipe the wall thoroughly with a dry cloth or duster to remove all dust.



STEP 2 > Installing EZ Brick Panels

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EZ Brick panels are designed for quick and easy installation. In addition to EZ Brick, you will need tile mastic adhesive, a ¼" notched trowel, tin snips (or heavy-duty scissors), pencil, level, measuring tape, painter's tape, and a floor tarp.

- Starting at the top of the wall, measure downward in 21" increments. Use a level to mark horizontal reference lines across the wall.
- Apply tile mastic adhesive generously using the flat side of the trowel, then comb the adhesive with the notched side to remove excess.
- Begin installation in a top corner and work horizontally. Firmly press the first EZ Brick panel into the adhesive so it pushes through the mesh backing. Ensure the panel is level and adjust as needed while the adhesive is wet.
- Install the next sheet by overlapping slightly, maintaining a ½" gap between bricks for grout. Continue across the wall.
- If a sheet slips, insert a drywall nail through the mesh backing to temporarily hold it in place.
- To fill gaps at the ends of walls, individual brick pieces may be removed from a panel and cut to size using tin snips.
- Allow the EZ Brick installation to cure for at least 24 hours before grouting.

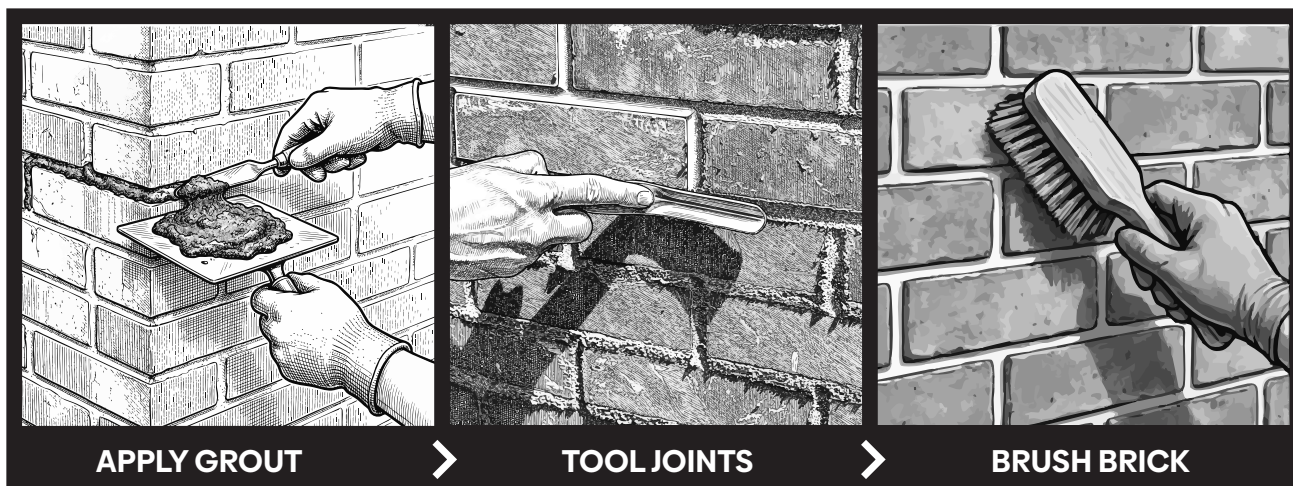


STEP > Grouting

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After the EZ Brick panels have cured for at least 24 hours, the joints are ready for grouting. We recommend using a preblended Type S masonry mortar mix. The EZ Brick grouting method uses a relatively dry, damp-soil consistency that allows the mortar to be packed directly into the joints with a masonry hawk and tuck-pointing trowel. Because mortar formulations vary by manufacturer, the amount of water required may vary. Add water gradually while mixing until the proper consistency is achieved and always follow the mortar manufacturer's requirements and safety instructions.

- Check the consistency by squeezing a handful of mortar firmly in your hand. Properly mixed mortar should form a compact ball that holds its shape without feeling wet or sticky. If it crumbles apart easily, add a small amount of water and mix again. If it smears or sticks heavily to your hand, the mixture is too wet.
- Mix only as much mortar as you can comfortably use within the working time specified by the manufacturer.
- Place a small amount of mortar on a masonry hawk. Using a tuck-pointing trowel, press and pack the mortar firmly into the joints between the bricks, completely filling each joint.
- Slightly overfill the joints to provide enough material for proper compaction and tooling.
- Once the mortar has begun to firm, use a concave brick jointer to compact and shape the joints. At the proper consistency, excess mortar should break away cleanly rather than smear across the brick face.
- If an area needs additional mortar, use some of the excess mortar that has fallen away during tooling and press it into the joint. This helps maintain a consistent moisture level throughout the section.
- After the mortar has set sufficiently, brush away loose mortar and crumbs with a masonry brush. If the mortar smears or leaves streaks on the brick surface, it is still too wet; allow additional drying time before brushing.
- Continue across the wall until all joints have been filled, tooled, and cleaned.



CARE & MAINTENANCE

EZ Brick veneer is virtually maintenance-free. For routine cleaning, use a dry whisk broom or a soft bristle brush to remove dust and debris. For deeper cleaning, use a mild detergent mixed with water. Do not use harsh chemicals, acids, abrasive tools, wire brushes, or power washers, as these may damage the veneer.