



**BUILD YOUR HOUSE  
STEP BY STEP**

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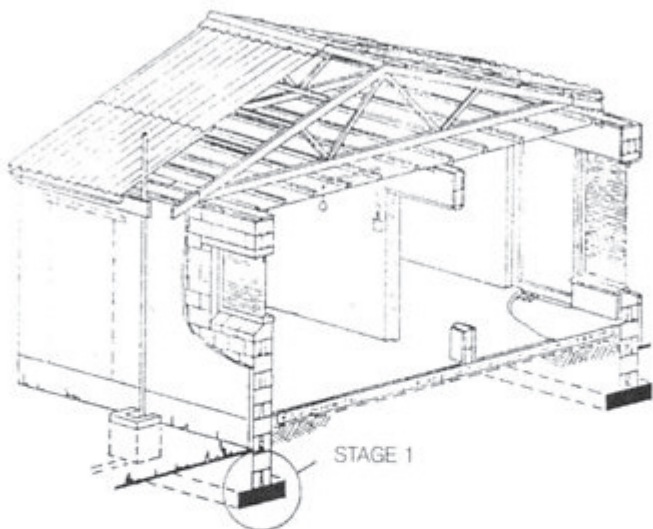
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# STAGE 1



## STEP 1

WATER CONNECTION  
BUILDING TERMS

## STEP 2

SETTING OUT THE HOUSE

## STEP 3

MAKING THE PROFILES  
SETTING OUT THE FOUNDATIONS

## STEP 4

DIGGING FOUNDATION TRENCHES

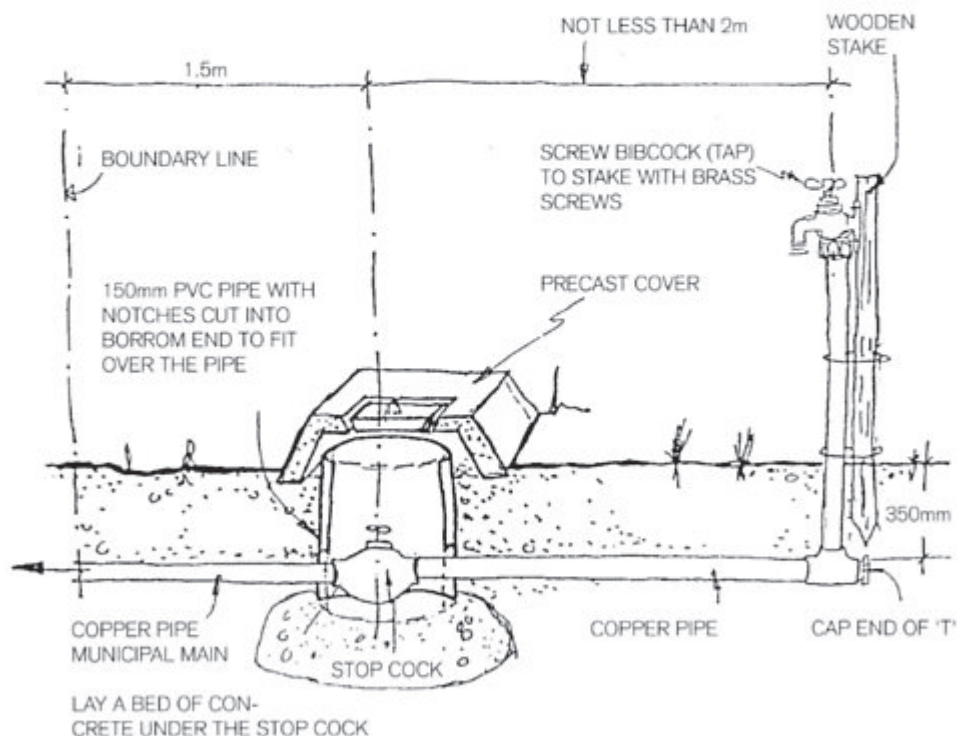
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MIXING OF CONCRETE FOR FOUNDATIONS  
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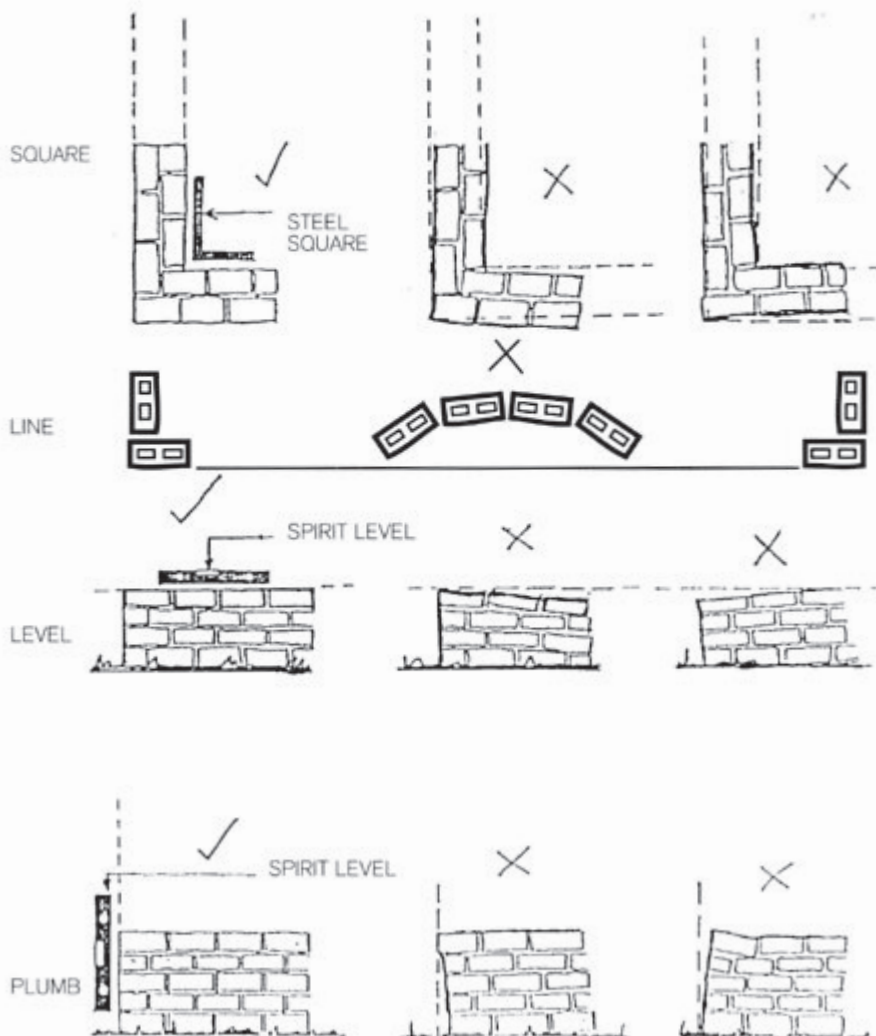
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## Water Connection



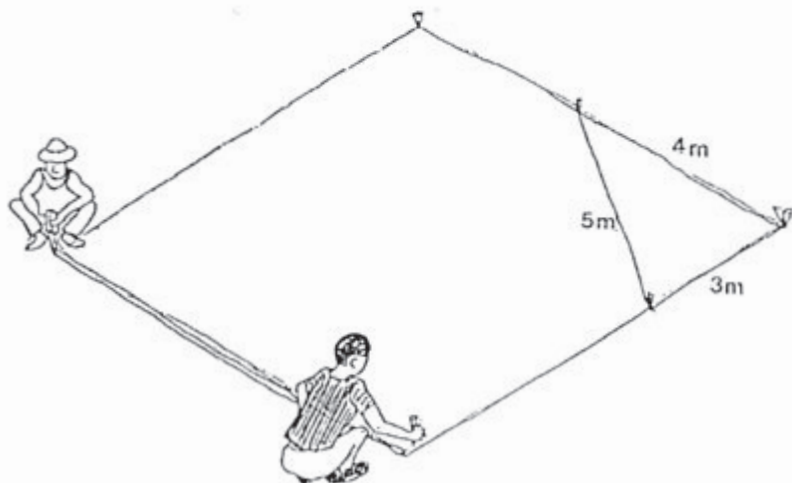
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## Building Terms



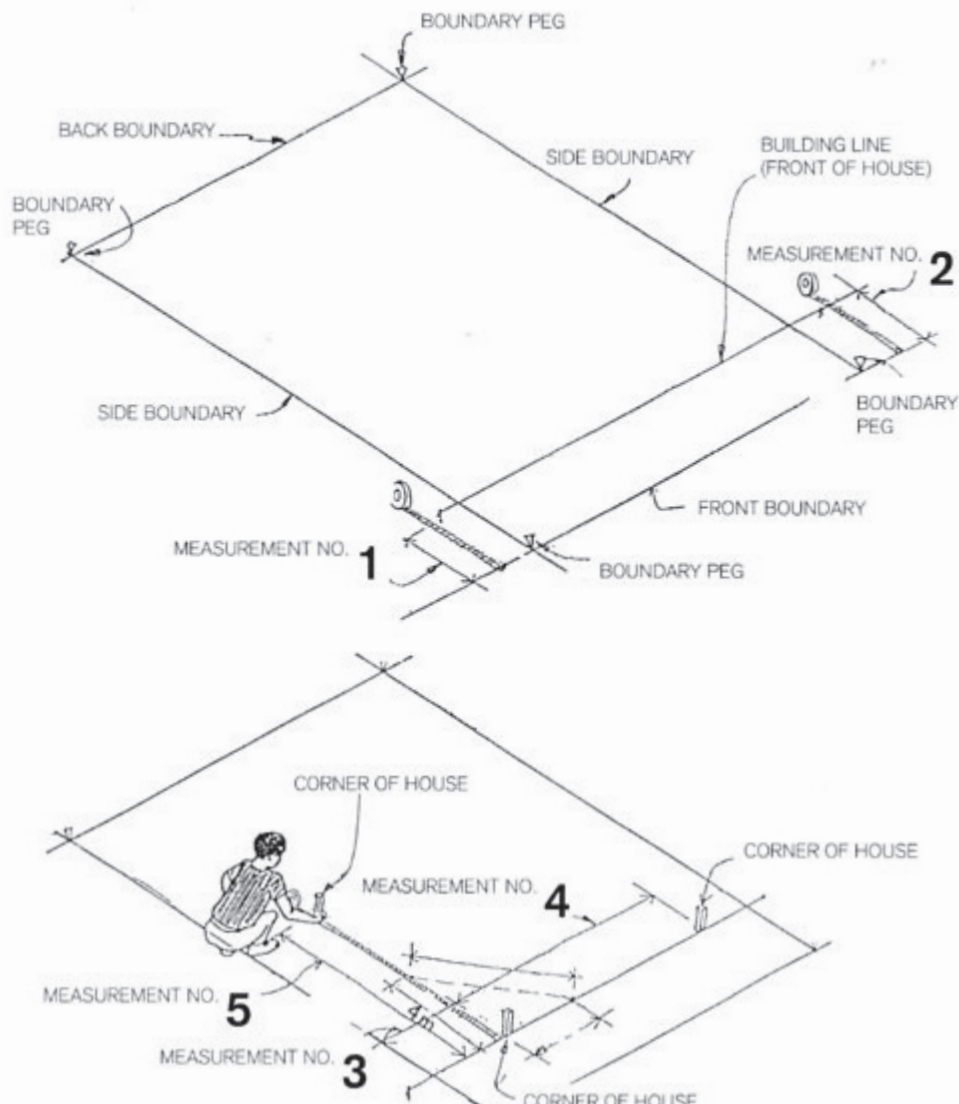
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## Setting Out the House



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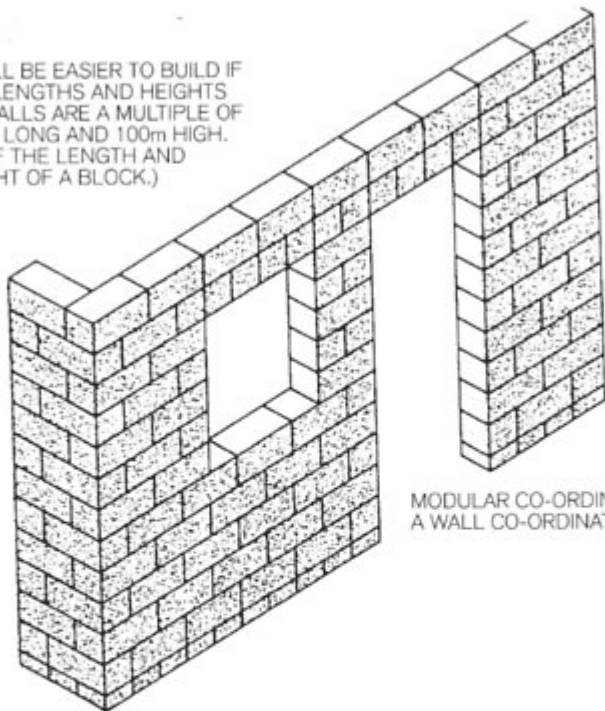
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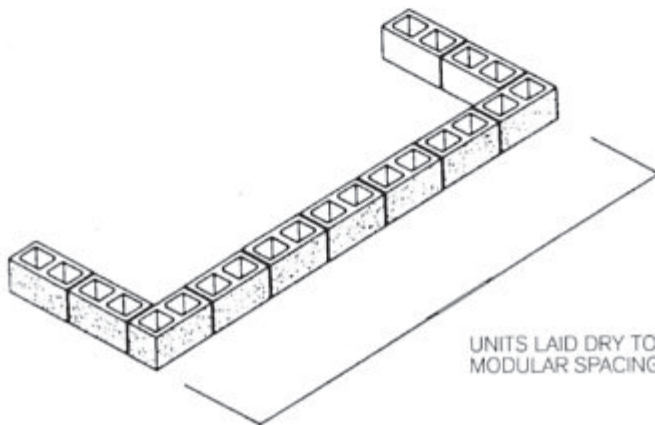
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## Modular Construction

IT WILL BE EASIER TO BUILD IF THE LENGTHS AND HEIGHTS OF WALLS ARE A MULTIPLE OF 200mm LONG AND 100mm HIGH. (HALF THE LENGTH AND HEIGHT OF A BLOCK.)

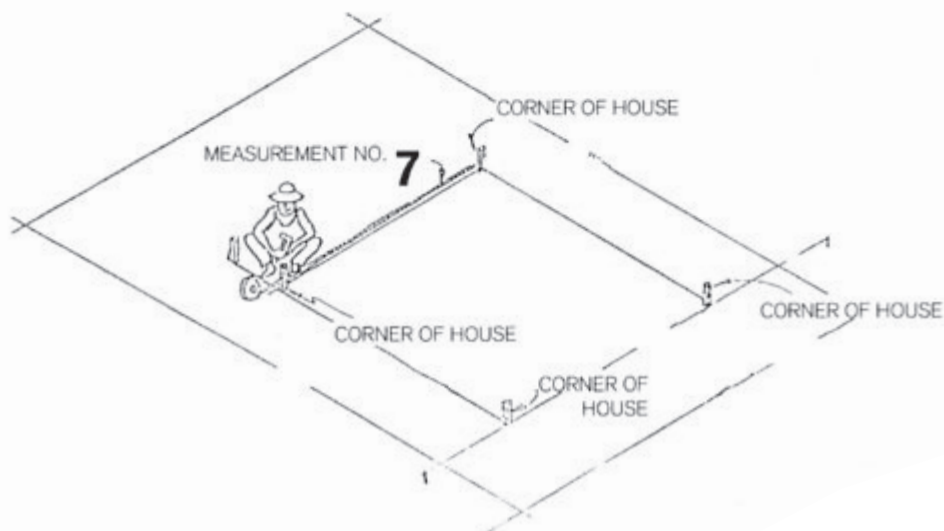
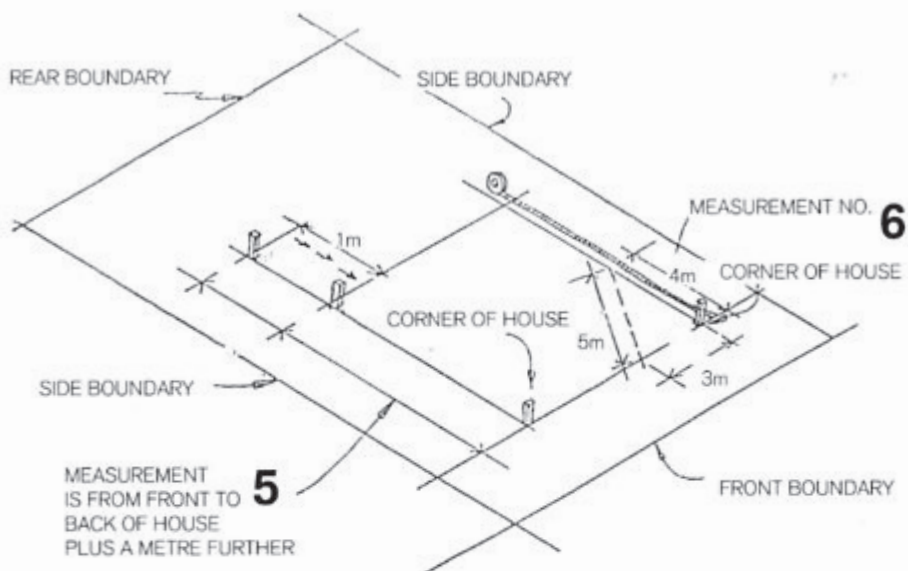


MODULAR CO-ORDINATION IN A WALL CO-ORDINATION.



UNITS LAID DRY TO CHECK MODULAR SPACING.

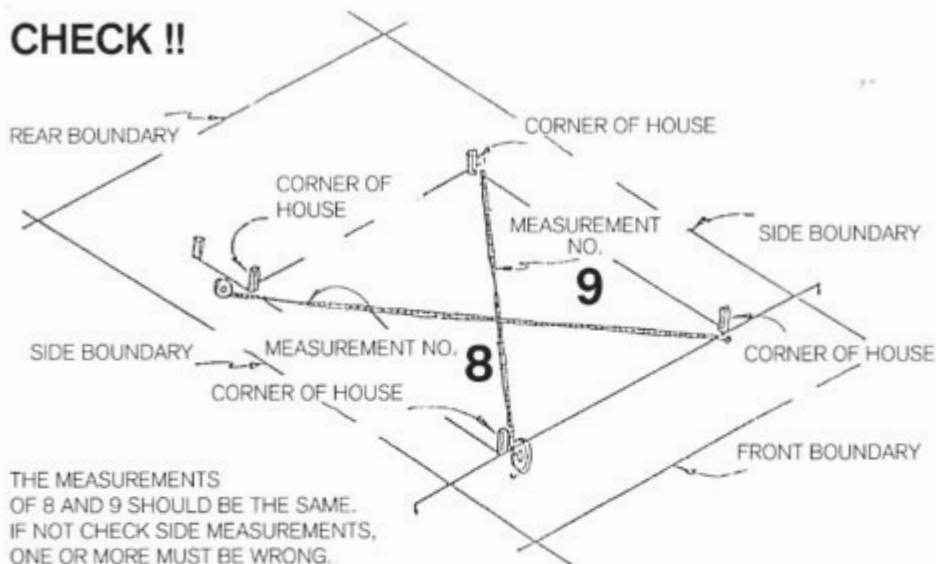
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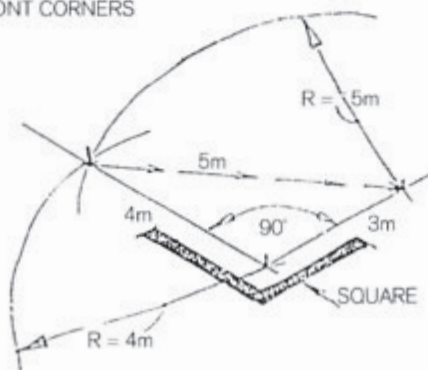
## Checking that the House is Square

### CHECK !!



### DOUBLE CHECK !!

ALSO CHECK THAT FRONT CORNERS ARE 'RIGHT ANGLES.'



HOW TO CHECK THE RIGHT ANGLE (90°)

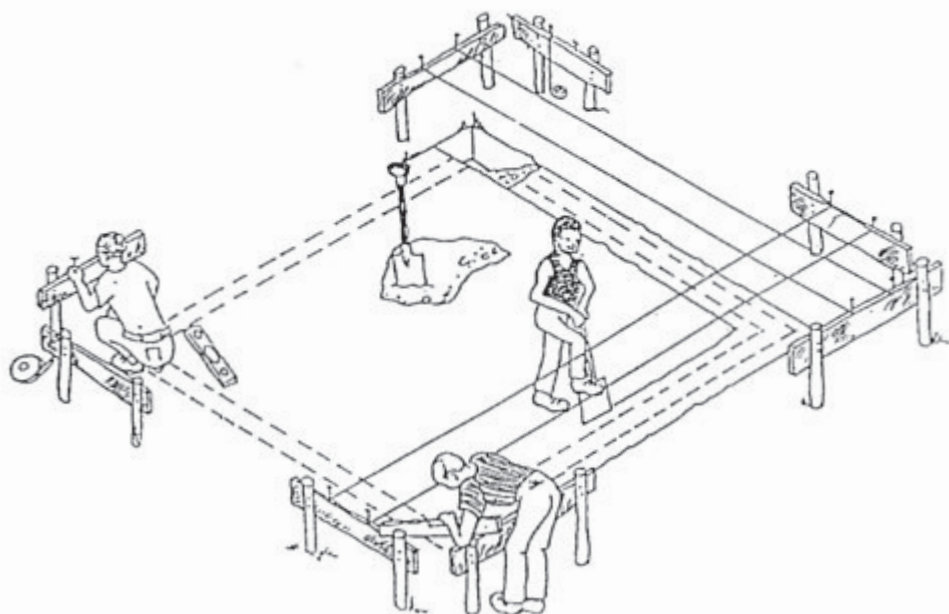
WHEN THESE MEASUREMENTS ARE EXACT YOU HAVE A 'RIGHT ANGLE.'

ADJUST THE SIDE ANGLE IF NECESSARY.



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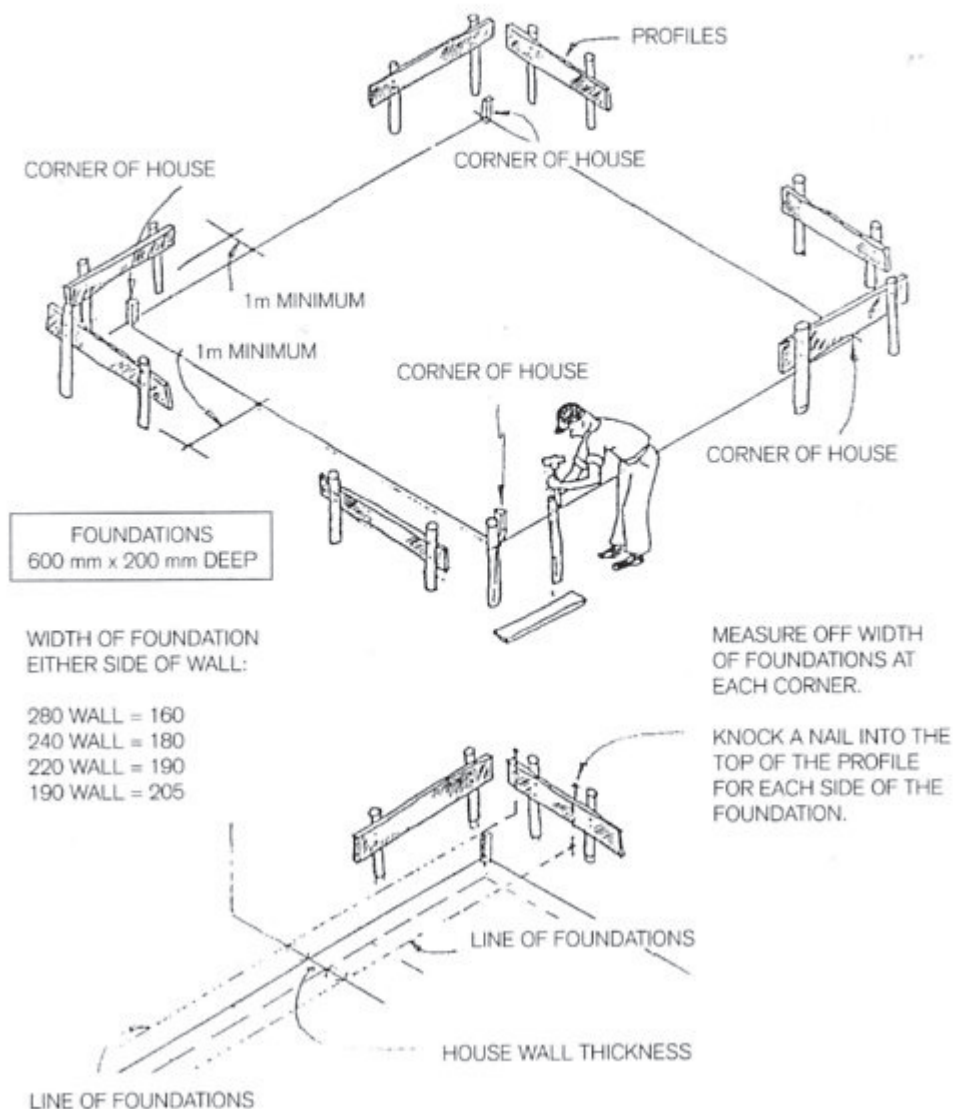
## Making the Profiles Setting out the Foundations





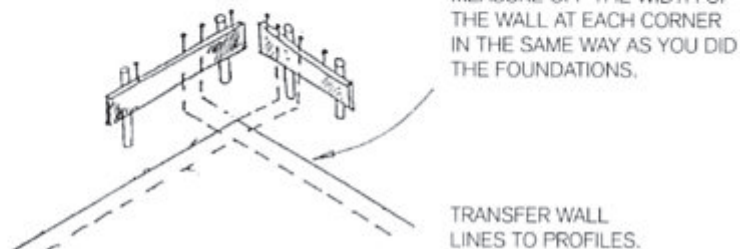
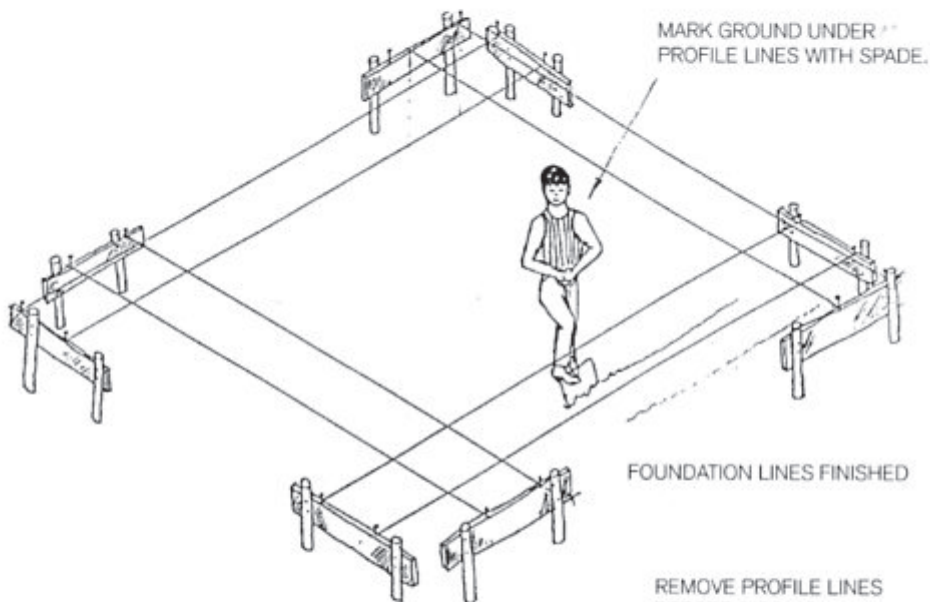
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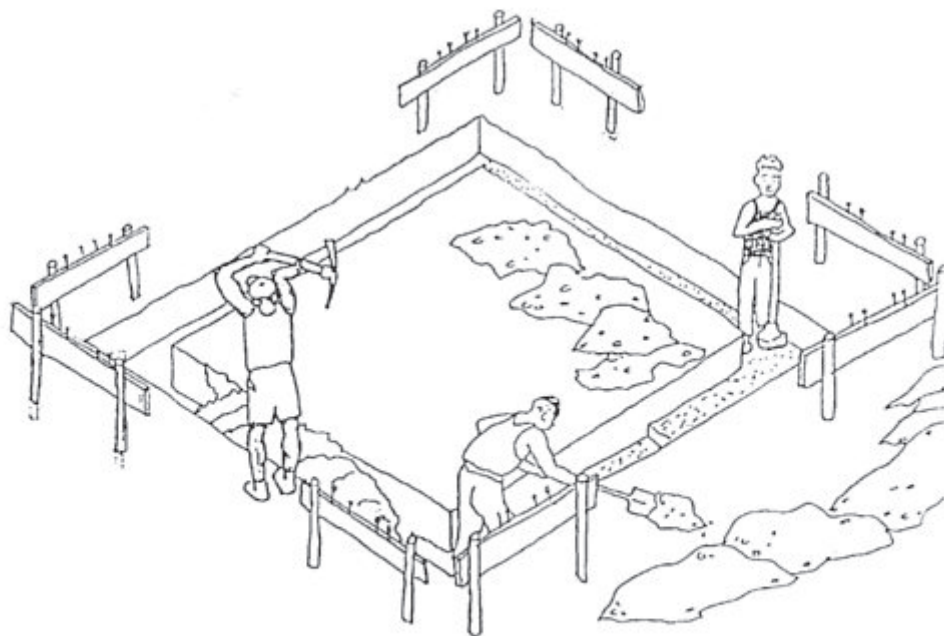
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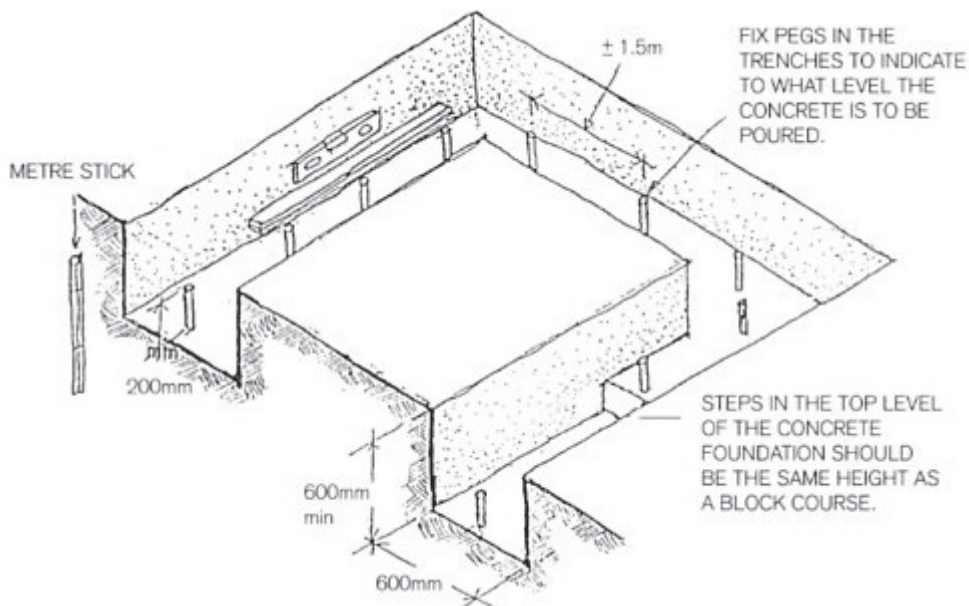
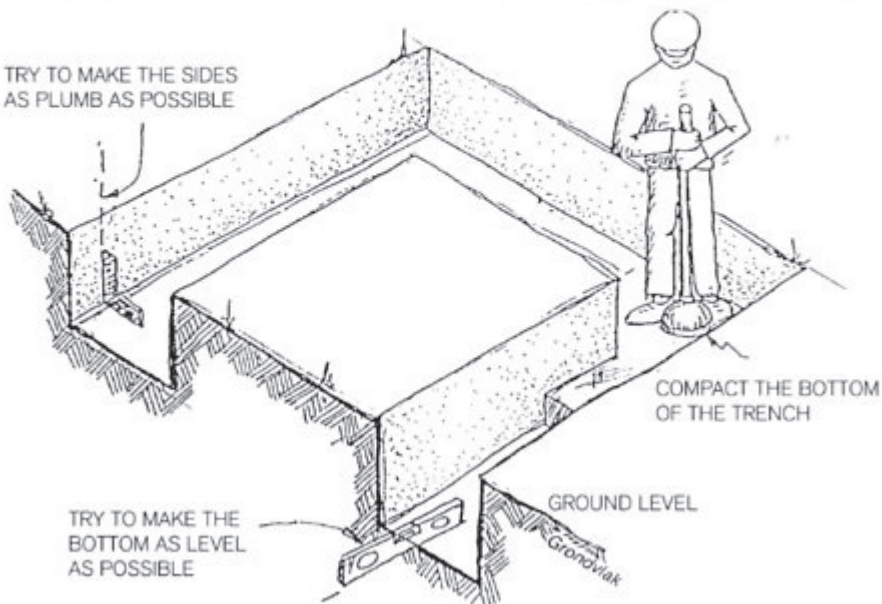
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## Digging Foundation Trenches



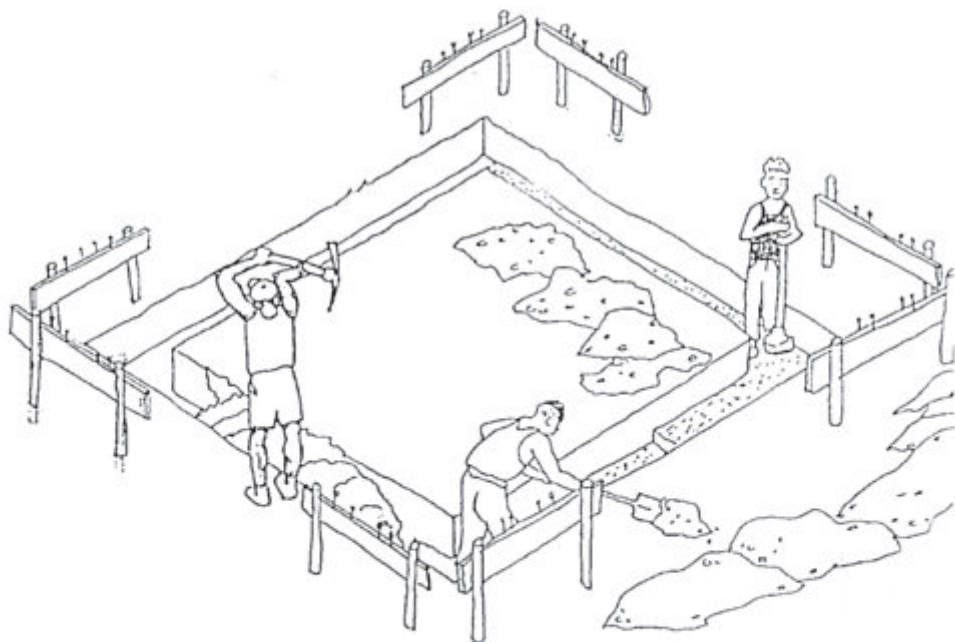
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TRY TO MAKE THE SIDES AS PLUMB AS POSSIBLE



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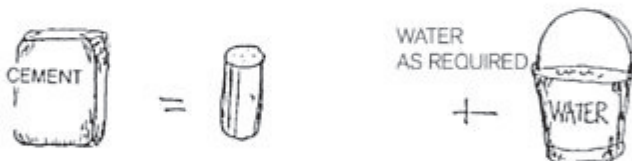
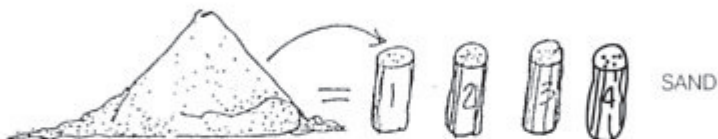
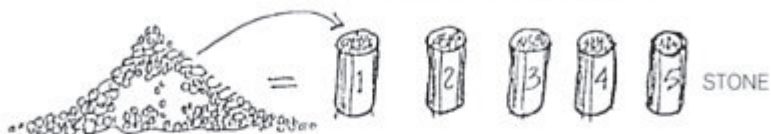
Mixing of Concrete for Foundations  
Pouring of Foundations



# STAGE 1 : STEP 5

## Mixing of Concrete for Foundations

USE A 25L (5 GALLON) DRUM  
FOR MEASURING QUANTITIES



MIX ON A LARGE SQUARE BOARD  
ON A LEVEL AREA.

POUR SAND FIRST, MAKE AN  
OPENING IN THE MIDDLE INTO  
WHICH THE CEMENT IS POURED.



MIX UNTIL THE SAND AND  
CEMENT IS EVENLY  
DISTRIBUTED.



MIX UNTIL EVENLY DISTRIBUTED.  
ADD A LITTLE WATER AT A TIME.

MAKE AN OPENING IN THE MIDDLE  
AND ADD STONE.



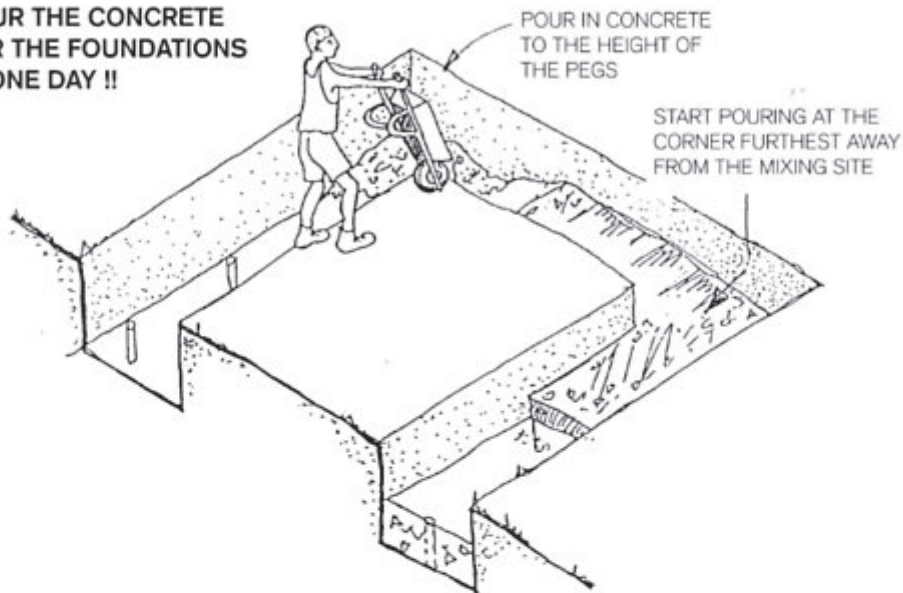
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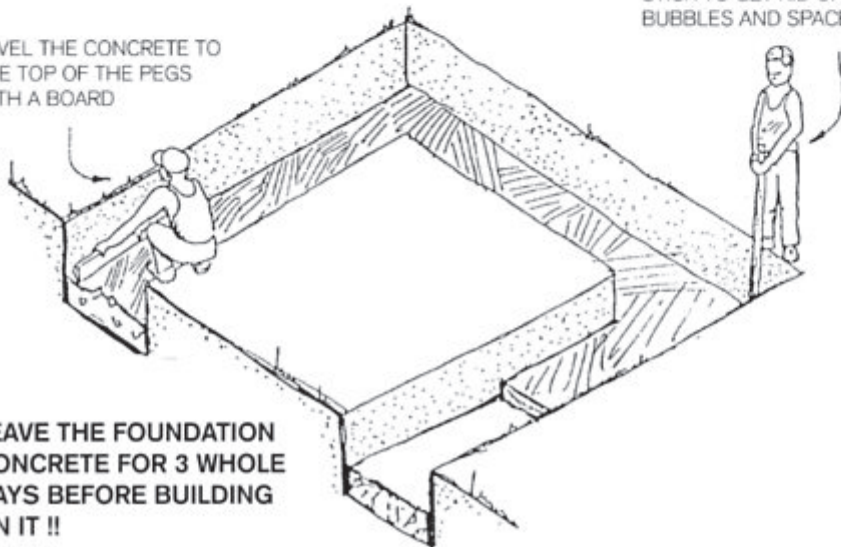
## Pouring the Foundations

**POUR THE CONCRETE  
FOR THE FOUNDATIONS  
IN ONE DAY !!**



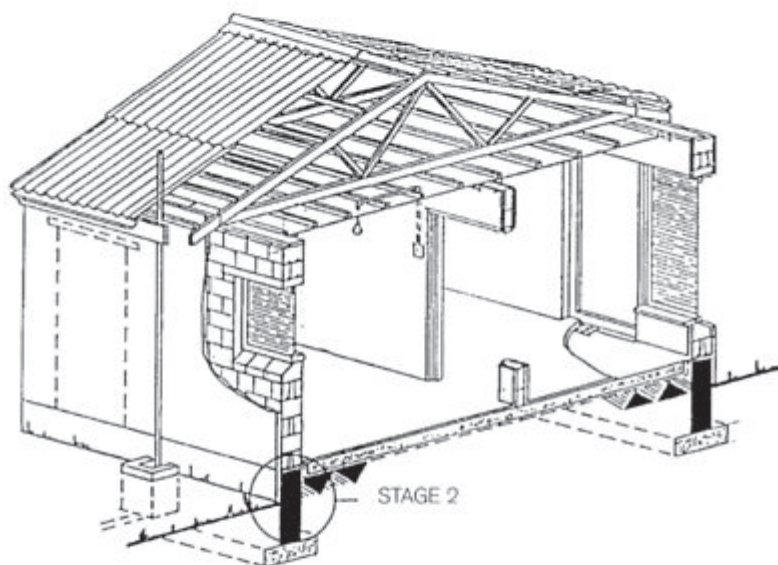
**RAM DOWN THE CONCRETE  
INTO THE CORNERS WITH A  
STICK TO GET RID OF AIR  
BUBBLES AND SPACES**

**LEVEL THE CONCRETE TO  
THE TOP OF THE PEGS  
WITH A BOARD**



**LEAVE THE FOUNDATION  
CONCRETE FOR 3 WHOLE  
DAYS BEFORE BUILDING  
ON IT !!**

# STAGE 2



## STEP 6

SETTING OUT THE FOUNDATION WALLS

## STEP 7

MIXING MORTAR FOR WALLS  
BUILDING UP THE CORNERS  
BUILDING UP FOUNDATION WALLS

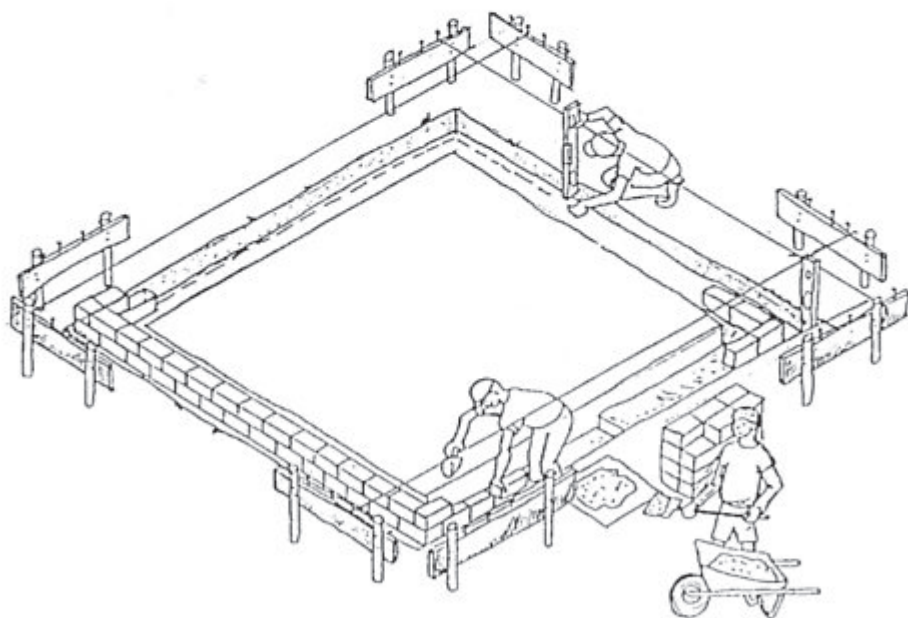
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FILLING OF THE TRENCHES



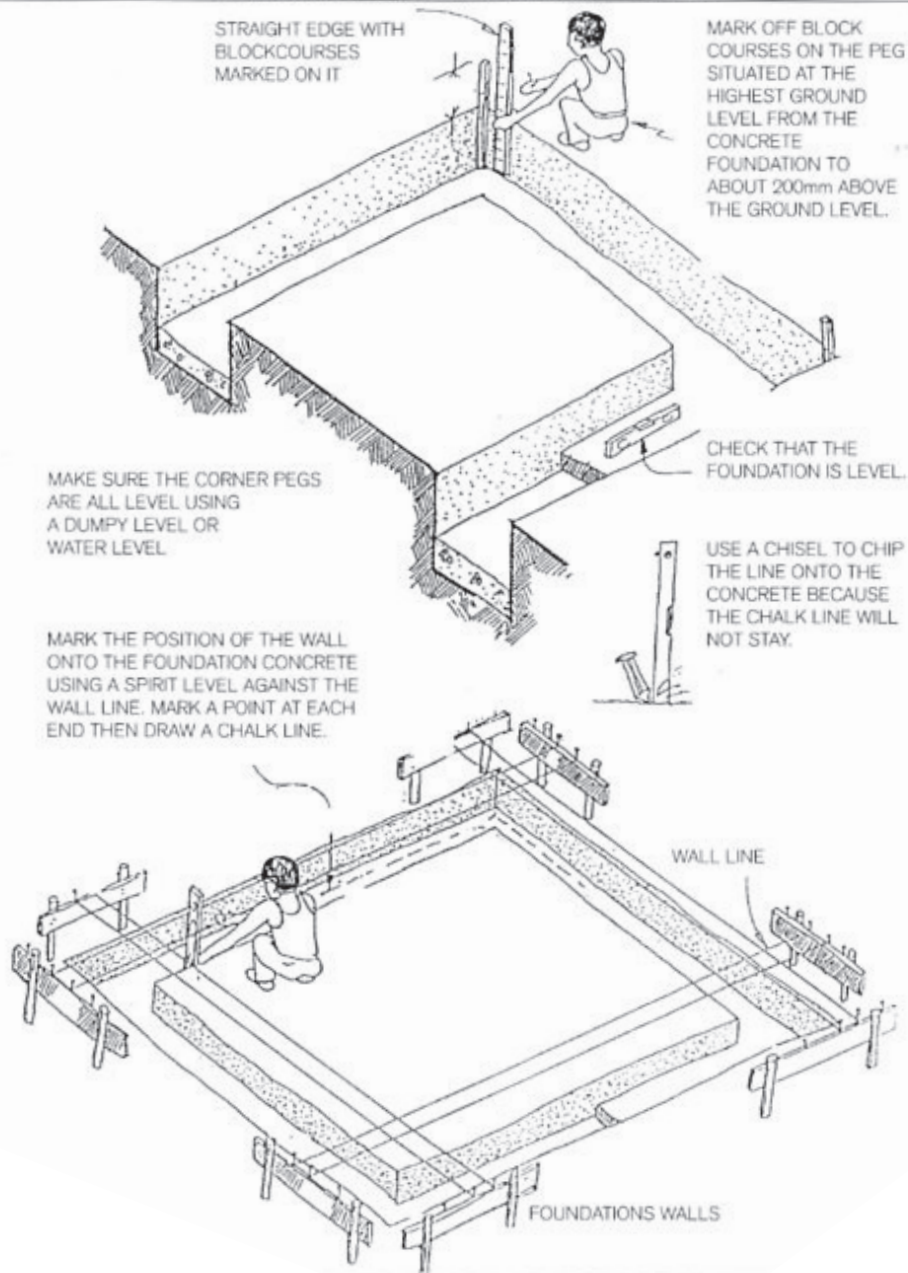
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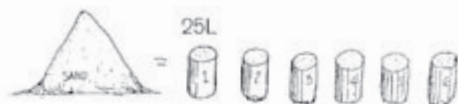
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## Set out the Foundation Walls



# STAGE 2 : STEP 7

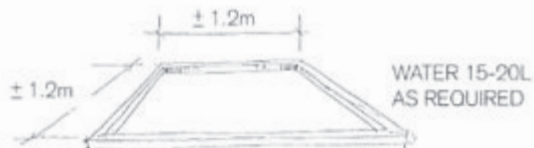
## Mixing Mortar for Walls



MIX MATERIALS  
BEFORE ADDING  
WATER



### Alternative mix without Lime

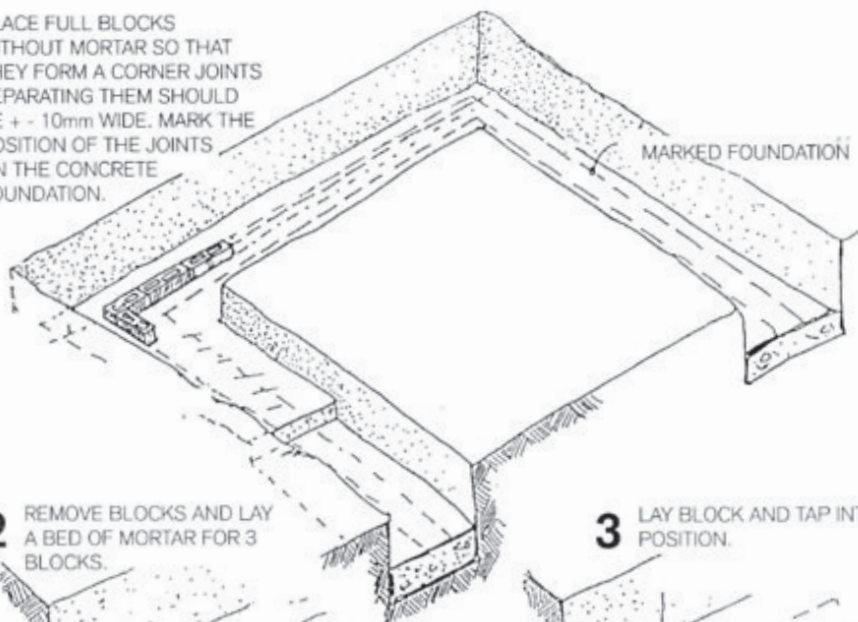


MAKE YOURSELF A MIXING BOARD FOR YOUR MORTAR. NAIL A SHEET OF 12mm PLYWOOD ONTO SOME PIECES OF 50 X 38mm TIMBER (PIECES OF BATTEN). THIS WILL MAKE MIXING EASIER AND PREVENT THE WATER WASHING AWAY THE CEMENT AND LIME.

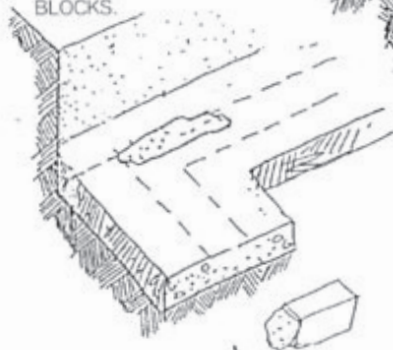
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## Corners

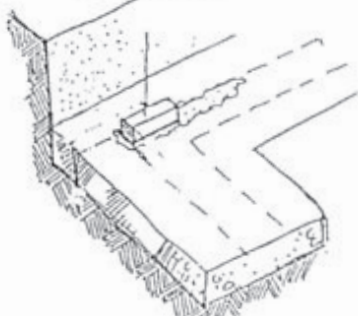
PLACE FULL BLOCKS WITHOUT MORTAR SO THAT THEY FORM A CORNER JOINTS SEPARATING THEM SHOULD BE  $\pm 10\text{mm}$  WIDE. MARK THE POSITION OF THE JOINTS ON THE CONCRETE FOUNDATION.



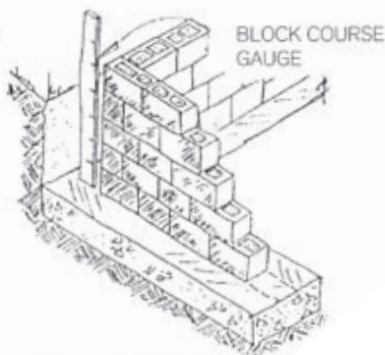
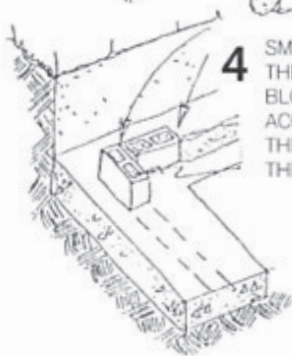
**2** REMOVE BLOCKS AND LAY A BED OF MORTAR FOR 3 BLOCKS.



**3** LAY BLOCK AND TAP INTO POSITION.



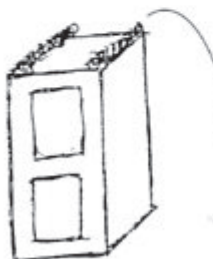
**4** SMEAR THE ENDS OF THE ADJOINING BLOCKS AND LAY ACCORDING TO THE MARKINGS OF THE JOINTS.



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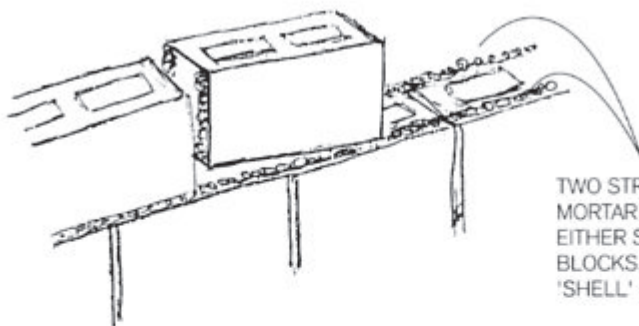
## Laying Blocks

IF IN DOUBT PLEASE CONTACT THE CONCRETE MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION FOR ADVICE. BLOCK LAYING COURSES ARE AVAILABLE.



TURN BLOCK ON END. BUTTER ONE END WITH TWO 'EARS' OF MORTAR AT EDGES OF THE BLOCK.

PLACE BLOCK AGAINST PREVIOUS UNIT.



TWO STRIPS OF MORTAR ON EITHER SIDE OF BLOCKS. MAKE 'SHELL' BEDDING.

BLOCKS SHOULD BE LAID SO THAT THE WIDE SECTIONS ARE UPPERMOST.



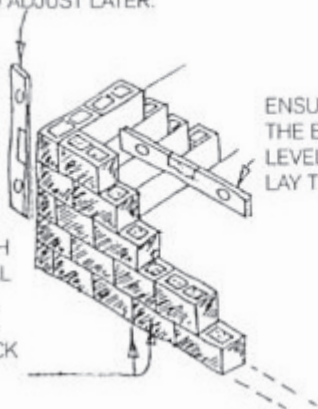


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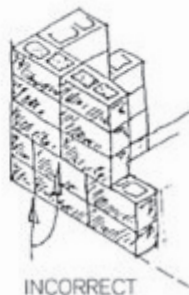
CHECK REGULARLY THAT THE WALL IS PLUMB AS IT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO ADJUST LATER.

LAY THE BLOCKS WITH THE VERTICAL JOINTS STAGGERED, HALF A BLOCK ACROSS.



ENSURE THAT THE BLOCKS ARE LEVEL AS YOU LAY THEM.

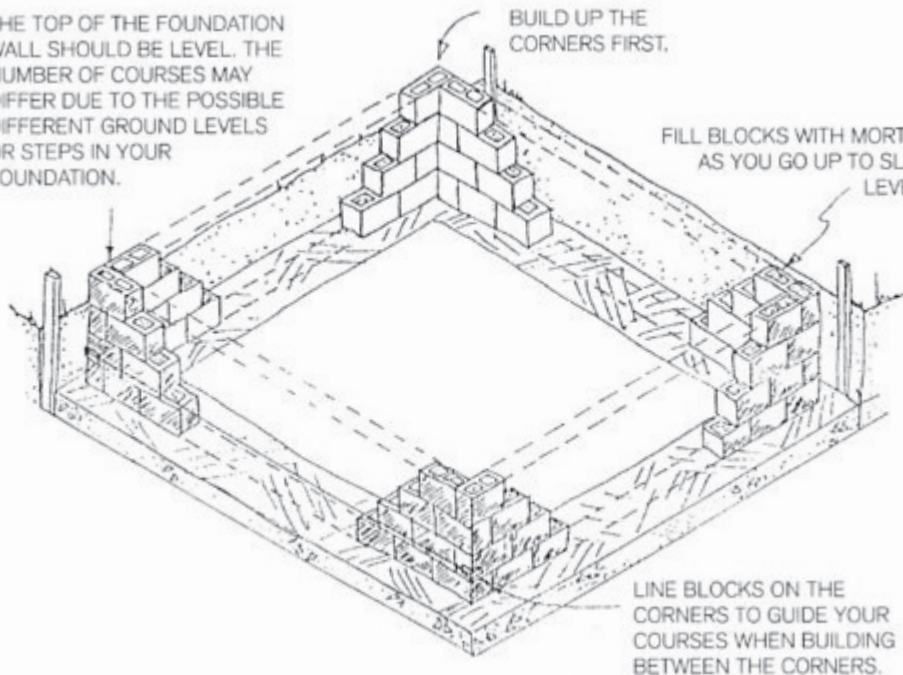
**CHECK OFTEN !!**



THE TOP OF THE FOUNDATION WALL SHOULD BE LEVEL. THE NUMBER OF COURSES MAY DIFFER DUE TO THE POSSIBLE DIFFERENT GROUND LEVELS OR STEPS IN YOUR FOUNDATION.

BUILD UP THE CORNERS FIRST.

FILL BLOCKS WITH MORTAR AS YOU GO UP TO SLAB LEVEL.



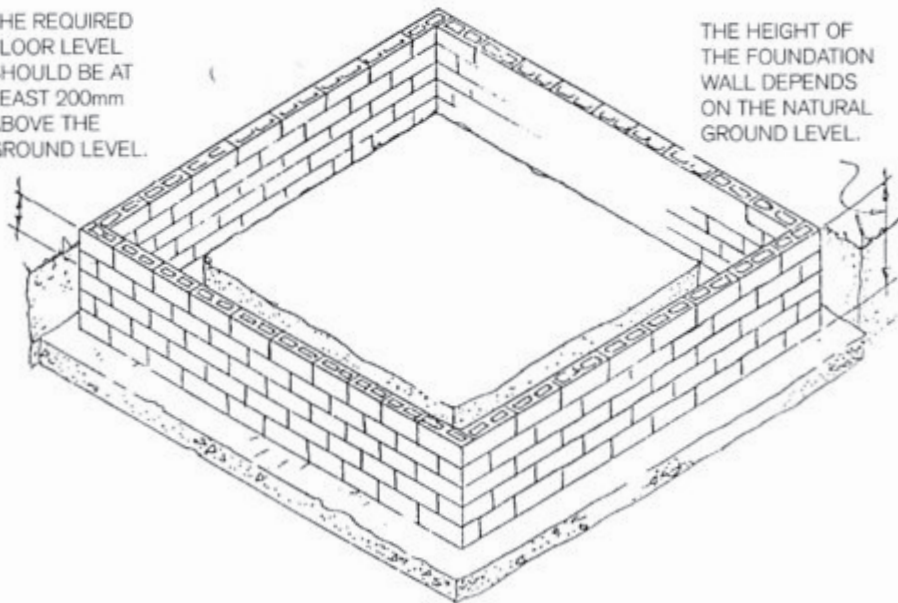
LINE BLOCKS ON THE CORNERS TO GUIDE YOUR COURSES WHEN BUILDING BETWEEN THE CORNERS.

# STAGE 2 : STEP 7

## Building up Foundation Walls

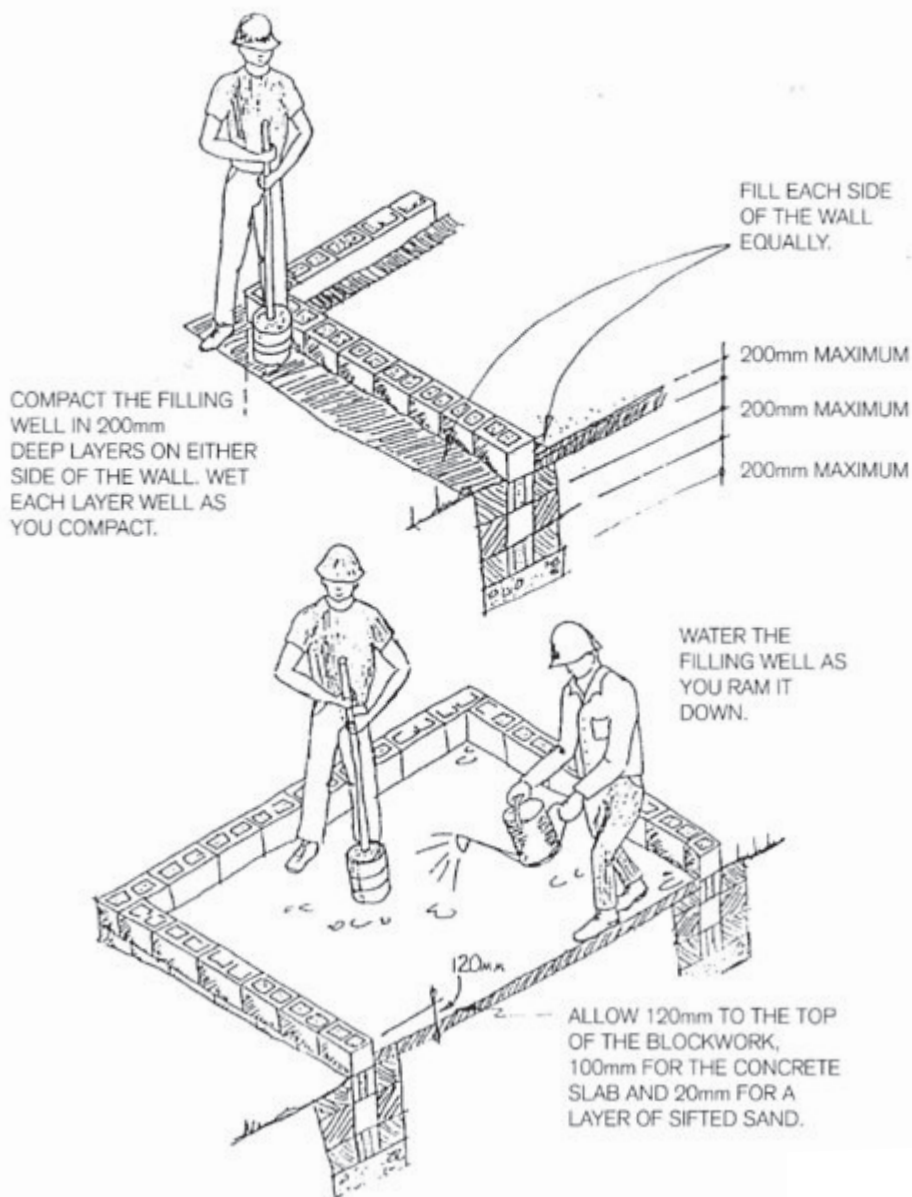
THE REQUIRED  
FLOOR LEVEL  
SHOULD BE AT  
LEAST 200mm  
ABOVE THE  
GROUND LEVEL.

THE HEIGHT OF  
THE FOUNDATION  
WALL DEPENDS  
ON THE NATURAL  
GROUND LEVEL.

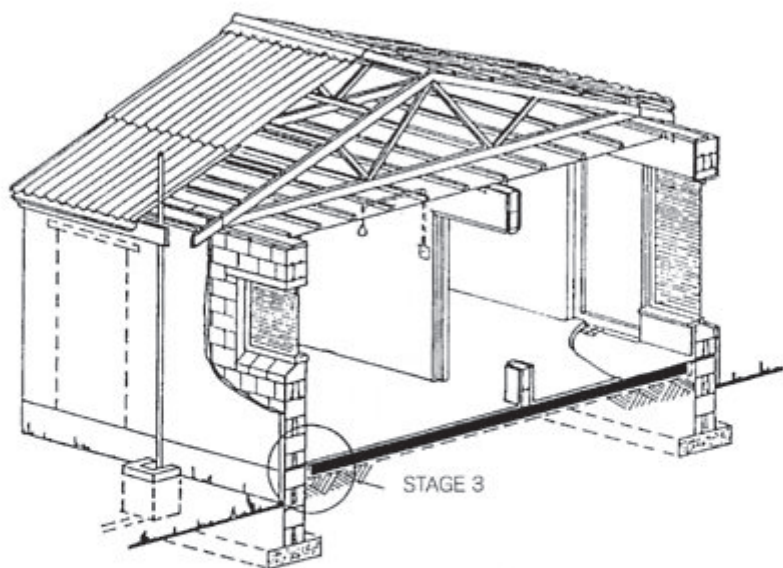


# STAGE 2 : STEP 8

## Filling of the Trenches







## STEP 9

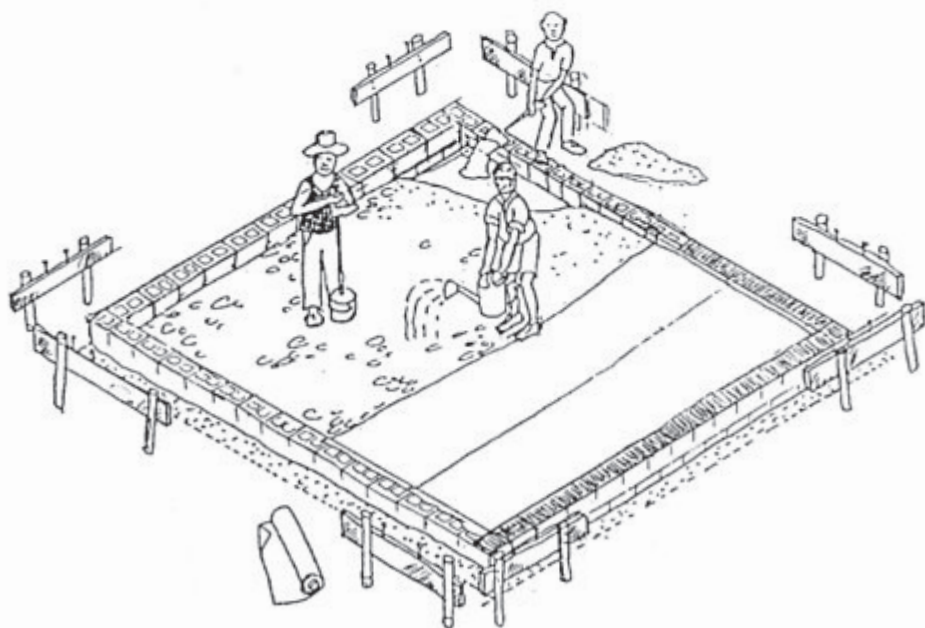
LAYING OF THE DAMP PROOF MEMBRANE BELOW FLOOR SLAB

## STEP 10

MIXING OF FLOOR SLAB CONCRETE  
POURING AND LEVELLING OF THE FLOOR SLAB

# STAGE 3 : STEP 9

## Laying of the Damp Proof Membrane Below Floor Slab



# STAGE 3 : STEP 9

## Lay DPC below Floor Slab

LAY THE POLYTHENE OVER THE BLOCKS AND SECURE WITH LOOSE BLOCKS.

LAY THE POLYTHENE MEMBRANE OVER THE STONE FREE SAND ENSURE THAT IT IS LEVEL.

TUCK THE SHEET WELL INTO CORNERS.

TAPE THE SEAM IF POSSIBLE.

OVERLAP SHEET 300mm THEN FOLD OVER.

± 150mm

PLUG THE ENDS OF THE CONDUIT WITH PIECES OF WOOD. LAY THE ELECTRICAL CONDUIT ON TOP OF THE POLYTHENE.

### DPC Under Slab

# STAGE 3 : STEP 10

## Mixing of Floor Slab Concrete

USE 5 GALLON DRUM  
FOR MEASURING  
QUANTITIES.



STONE



SAND



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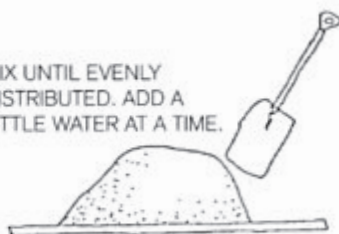


15-20L  
AS REQUIRED

POUR SAND FIRST, MAKE  
AN OPENING IN THE  
MIDDLE INTO WHICH THE  
CEMENT IS POURED.



MIX UNTIL EVENLY  
DISTRIBUTED. ADD A  
LITTLE WATER AT A TIME.



MAKE AN OPENING IN  
THE MIDDLE AND ADD  
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MIX UNTIL THE SAND AND CEMENT IS  
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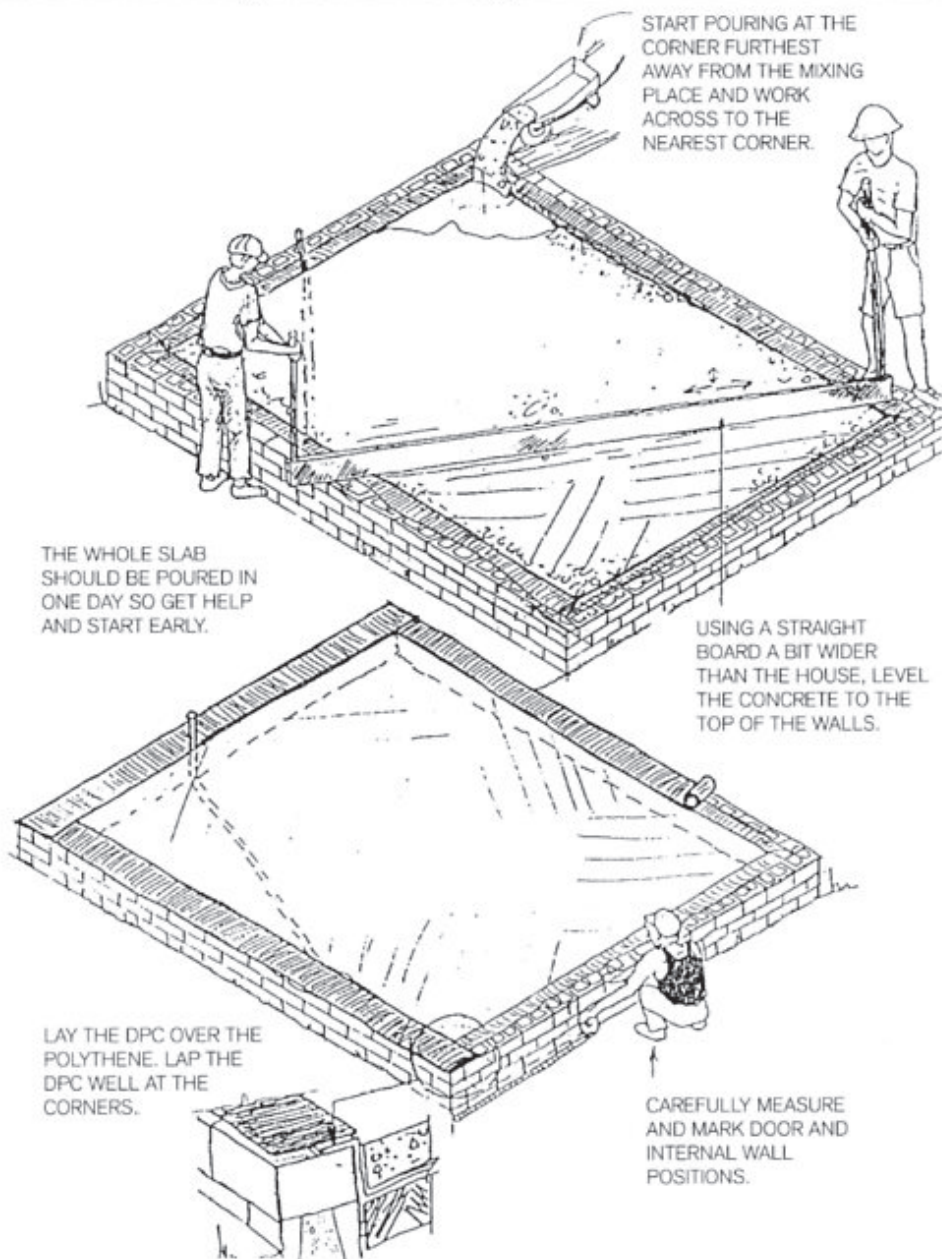


MIX ON A LARGE SQUARE BOARD ON A  
LEVEL AREA.

ADD WATER SLOWLY UNTIL CONCRETE  
HAS WORKABILITY FOR PLACING.

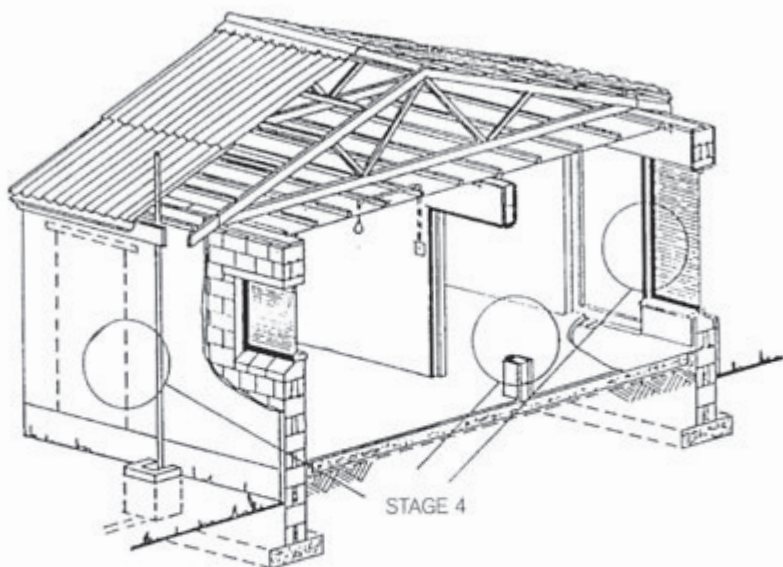
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## Pouring and Levelling of the Floor Slab





# STAGE 4



## STEP 11

POSITIONING THE DOORS  
THE DOOR / WINDOW JOINT

## STEP 12

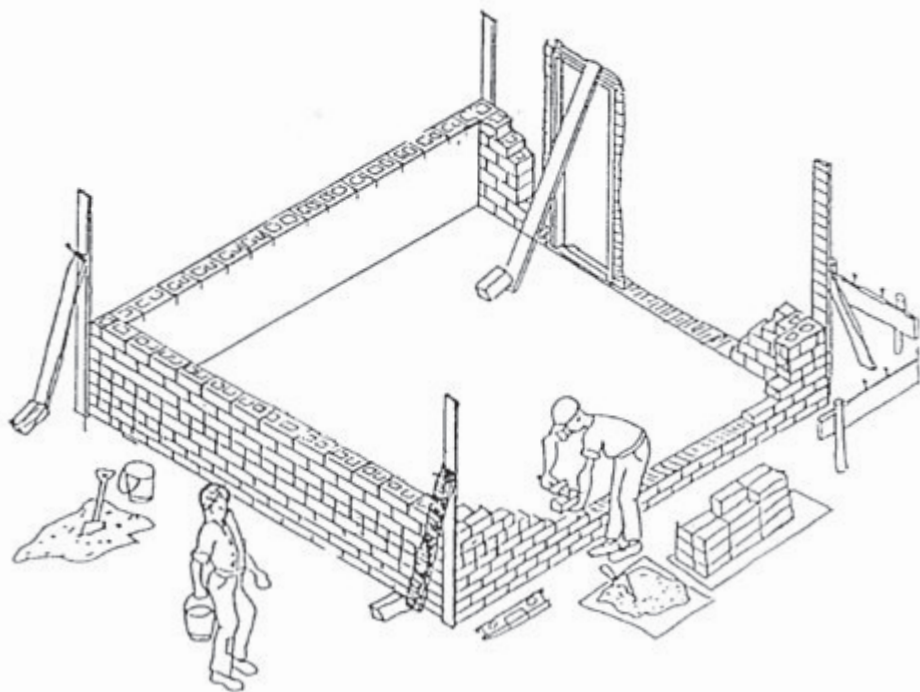
BUILDING UP THE WALLS - STRAIGHT JOINT  
BUILDING IN THE DOOR FRAMES

## STEP 13

POSITIONING THE WINDOWS  
(REMEMBER BRICKFORCE)

# STAGE 4 : STEP 11

## Positioning the Doors

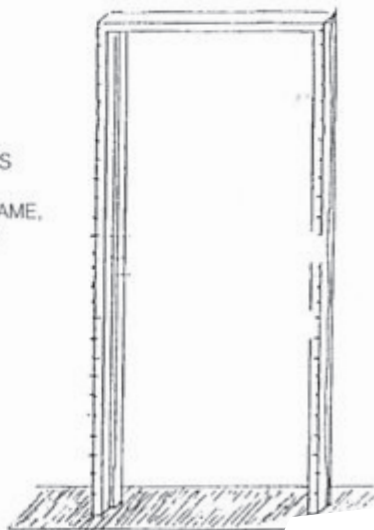


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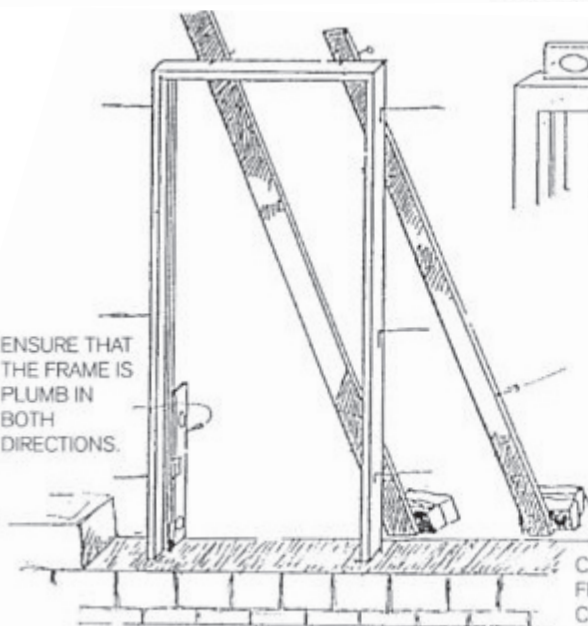
BLOCK COURSE  
GAUGE.



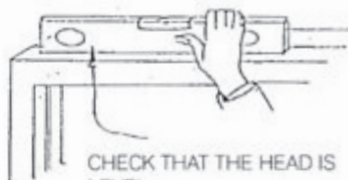
MARK BLOCK COURSES  
FROM GAUGE ON TO  
WINDOW OR DOOR FRAME,  
STARTING AT THE TOP.



ENSURE THAT  
THE FRAME IS  
PLUMB IN  
BOTH  
DIRECTIONS.



CHECK THAT THE HEAD IS  
LEVEL.



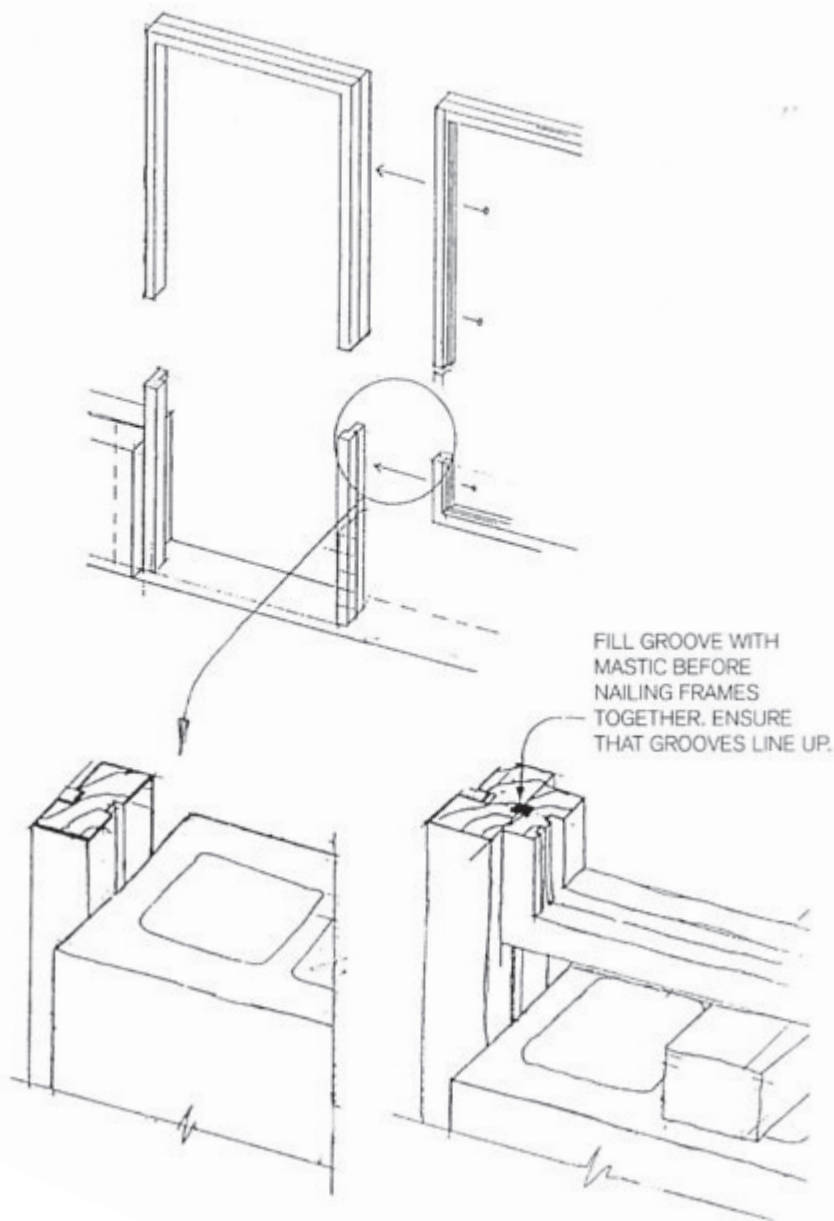
SUPPORT THE FRAMES WITH  
BOARDS NAILED TO THE  
HEAD AND BLOCKS AT THE  
BOTTOM.

CAREFULLY POSITION DOOR  
FRAME SO THAT THE BLOCK  
COURSE MARKS LINE UP  
WITH THE CORNER  
BLOCK.



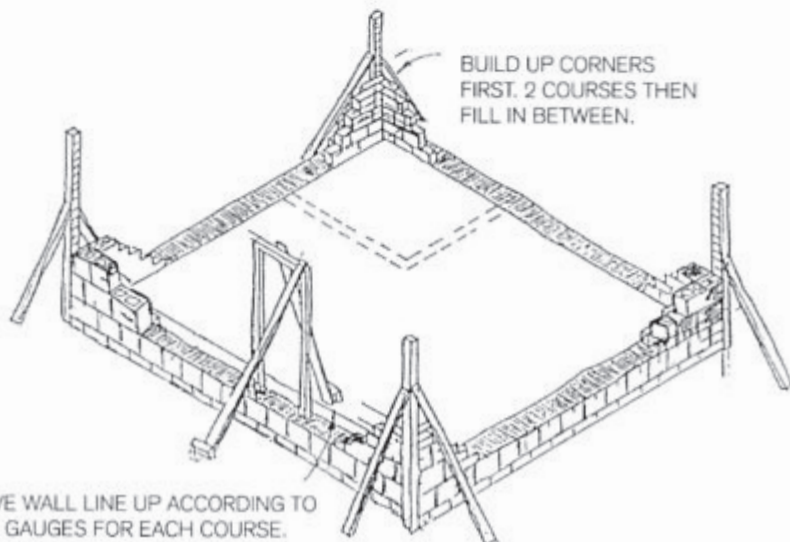
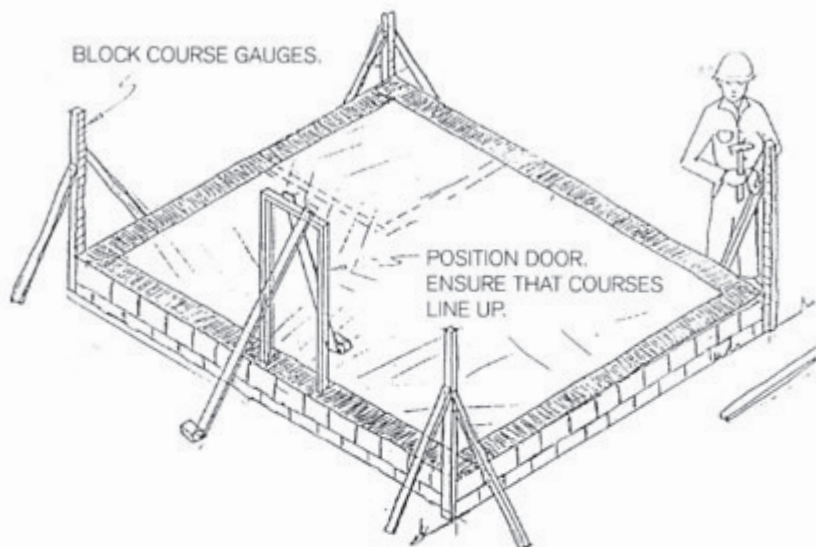
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## The Door / Window Joint

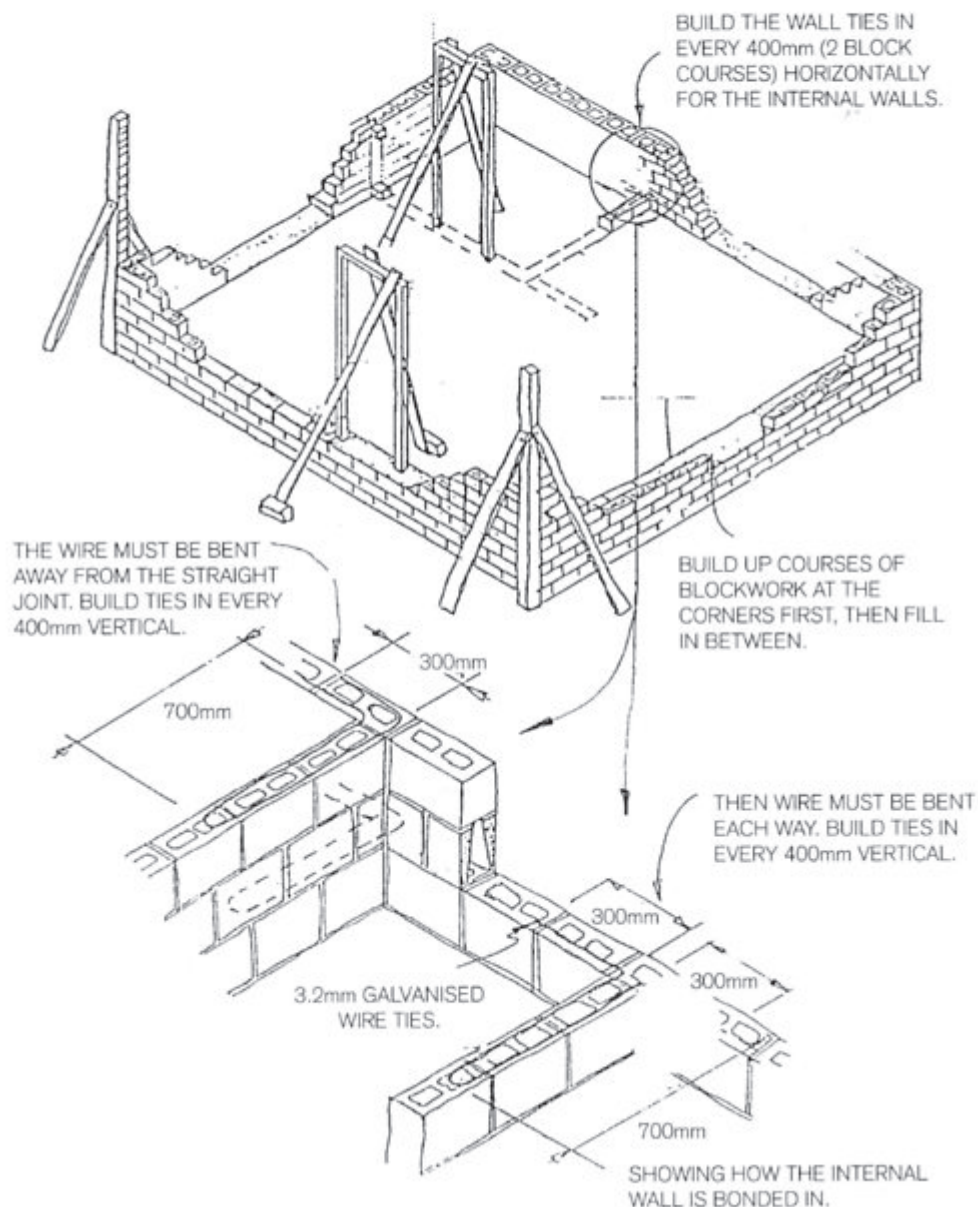


# STAGE 4 : STEP 12

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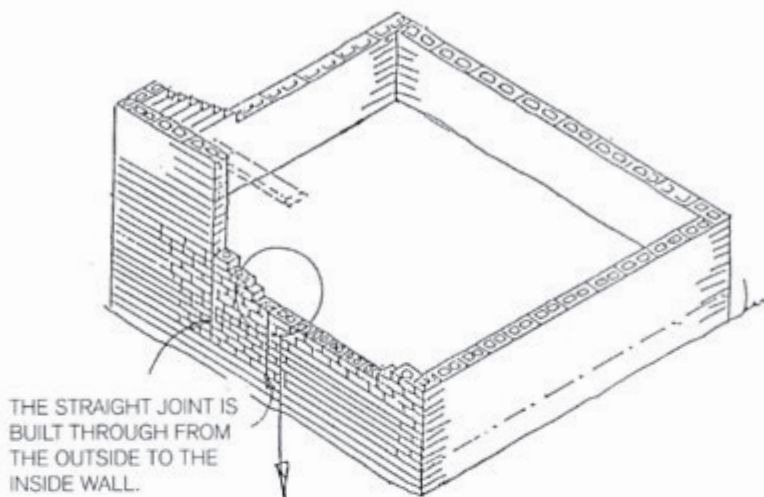


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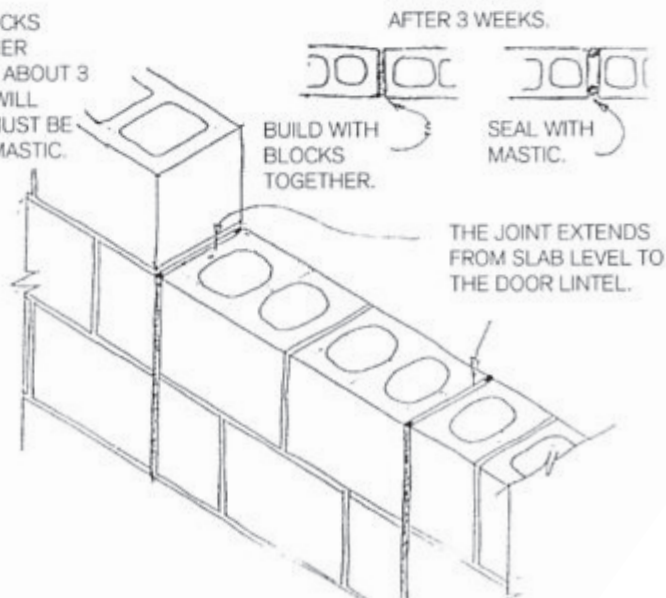


# STAGE 4 : STEP 12

## Straight Joint for Future Openings

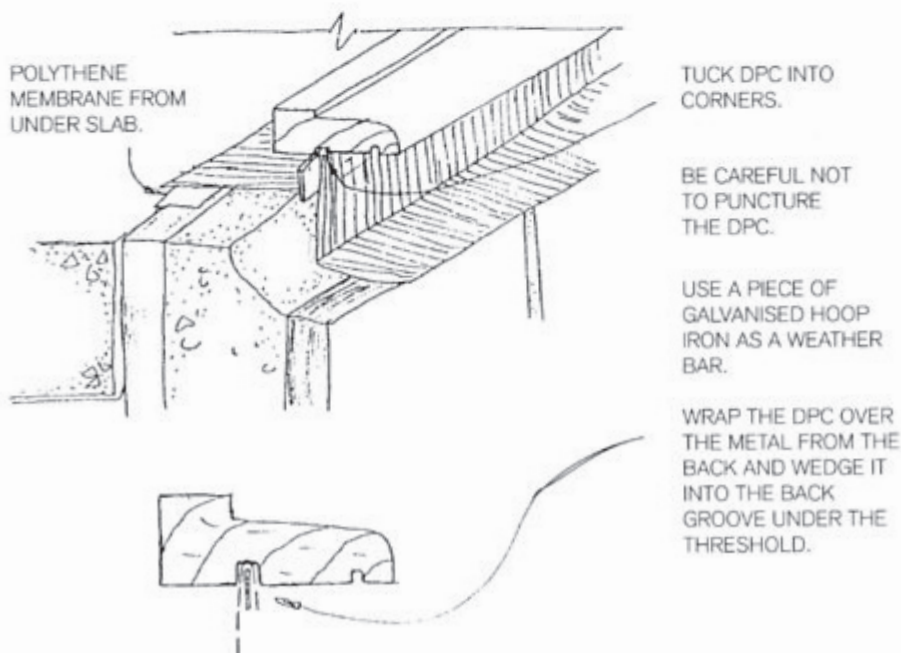
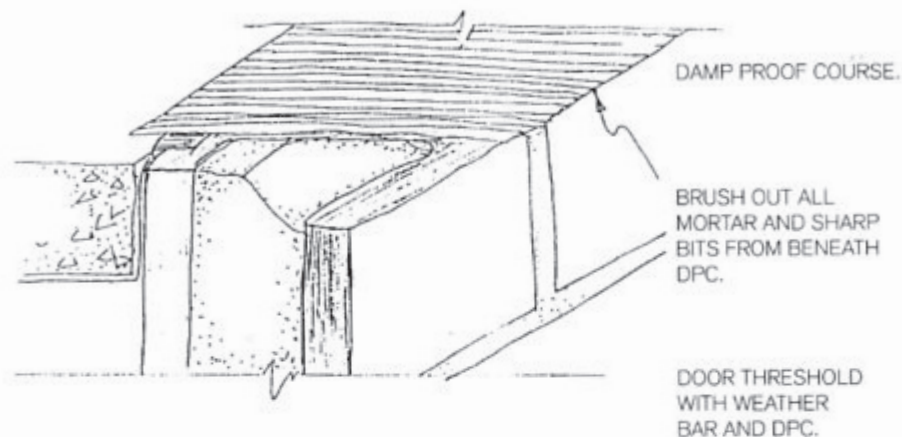


BUILD THE BLOCKS CLOSE TOGETHER (TOUCHING). IN ABOUT 3 WEEKS A GAP WILL FORM WHICH MUST BE SEALED WITH MASTIC.



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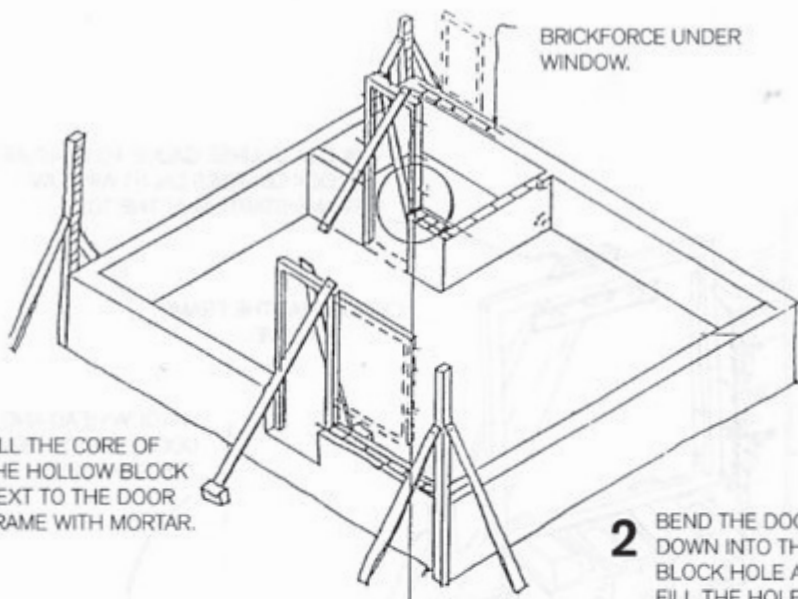
## Building in the Door Frames





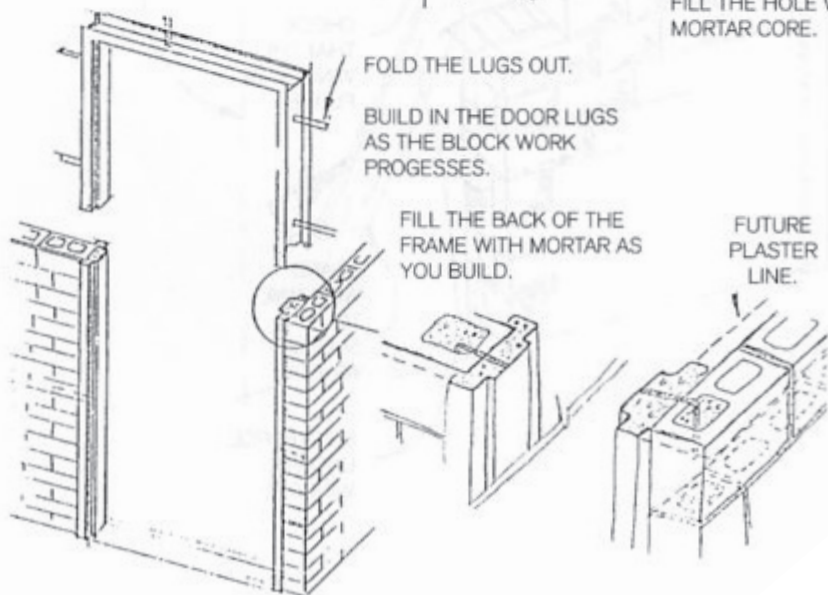
## STAGE 4 : STEP 12

## Internal Metal Door Frames



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- 2** BEND THE DOOR LUG DOWN INTO THE BLOCK HOLE AND FILL THE HOLE WITH MORTAR CORE.

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BUILD IN THE DOOR LUGS  
AS THE BLOCK WORK  
PROGRESSES.

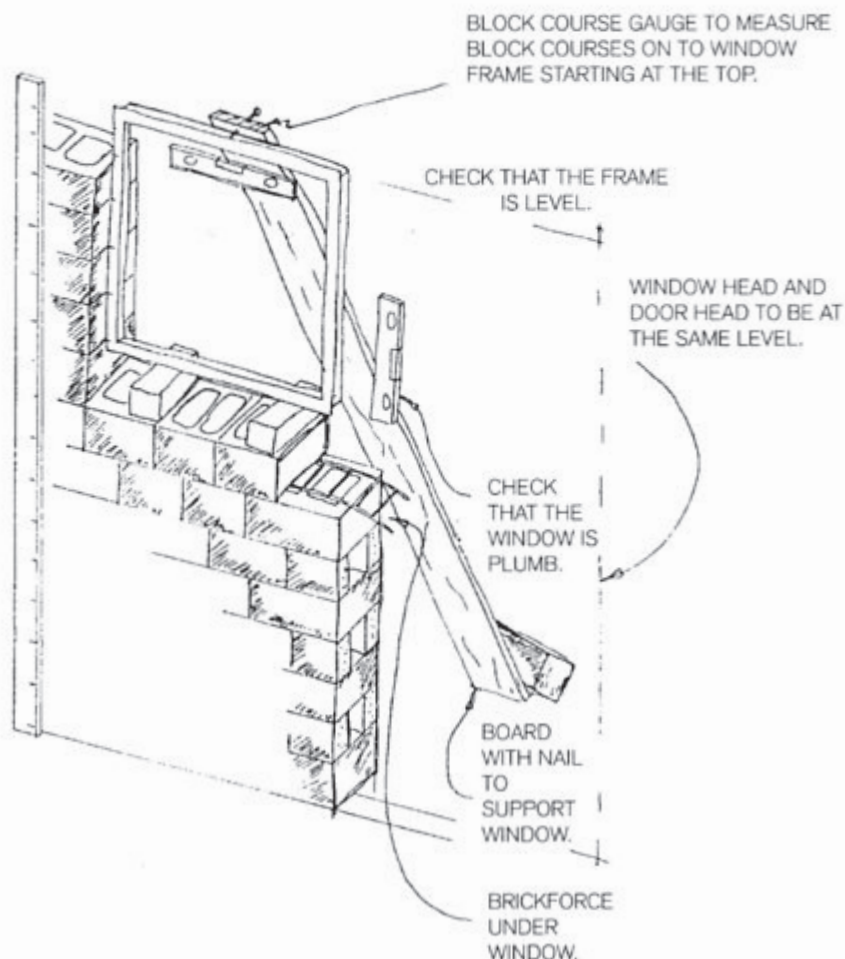
FILL THE BACK OF THE FRAME WITH MORTAR AS YOU BUILD.

FUTURE  
PLASTER  
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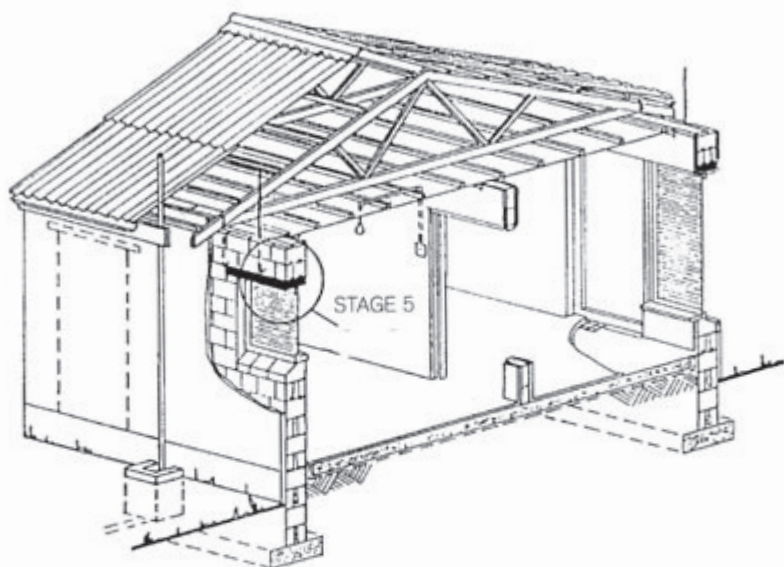


# STAGE 4 : STEP 13

## Positioning the Windows (Remember Brickforce)



# STAGE 5



## STEP 14

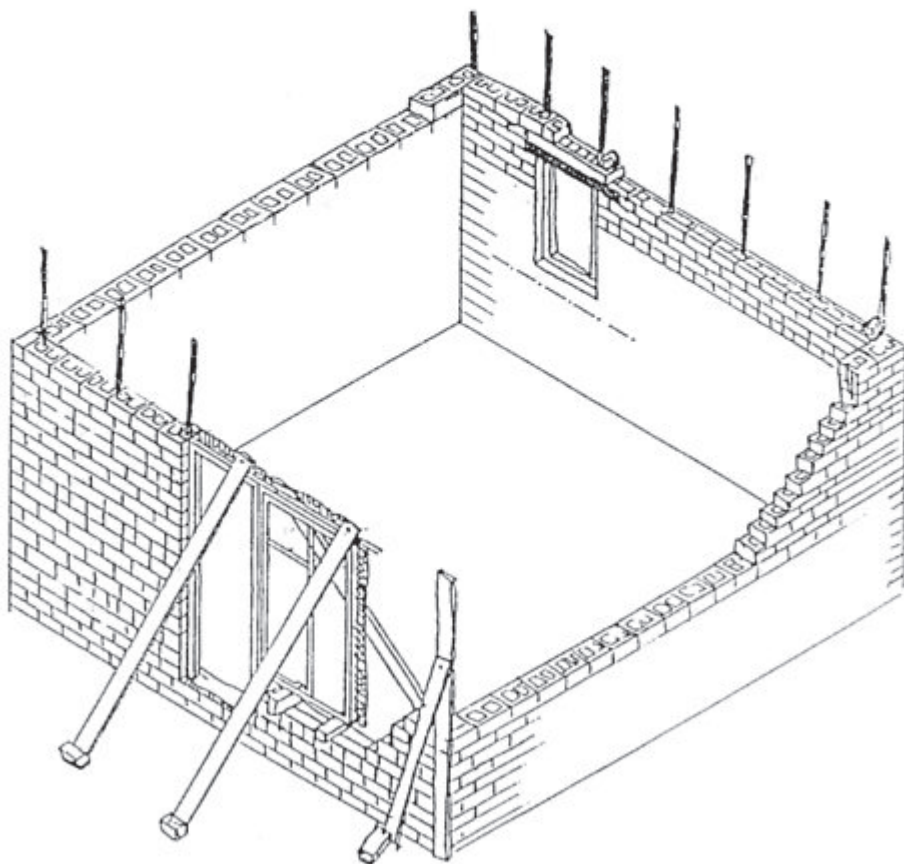
BUILDING IN THE LINTELS

## STEP 15

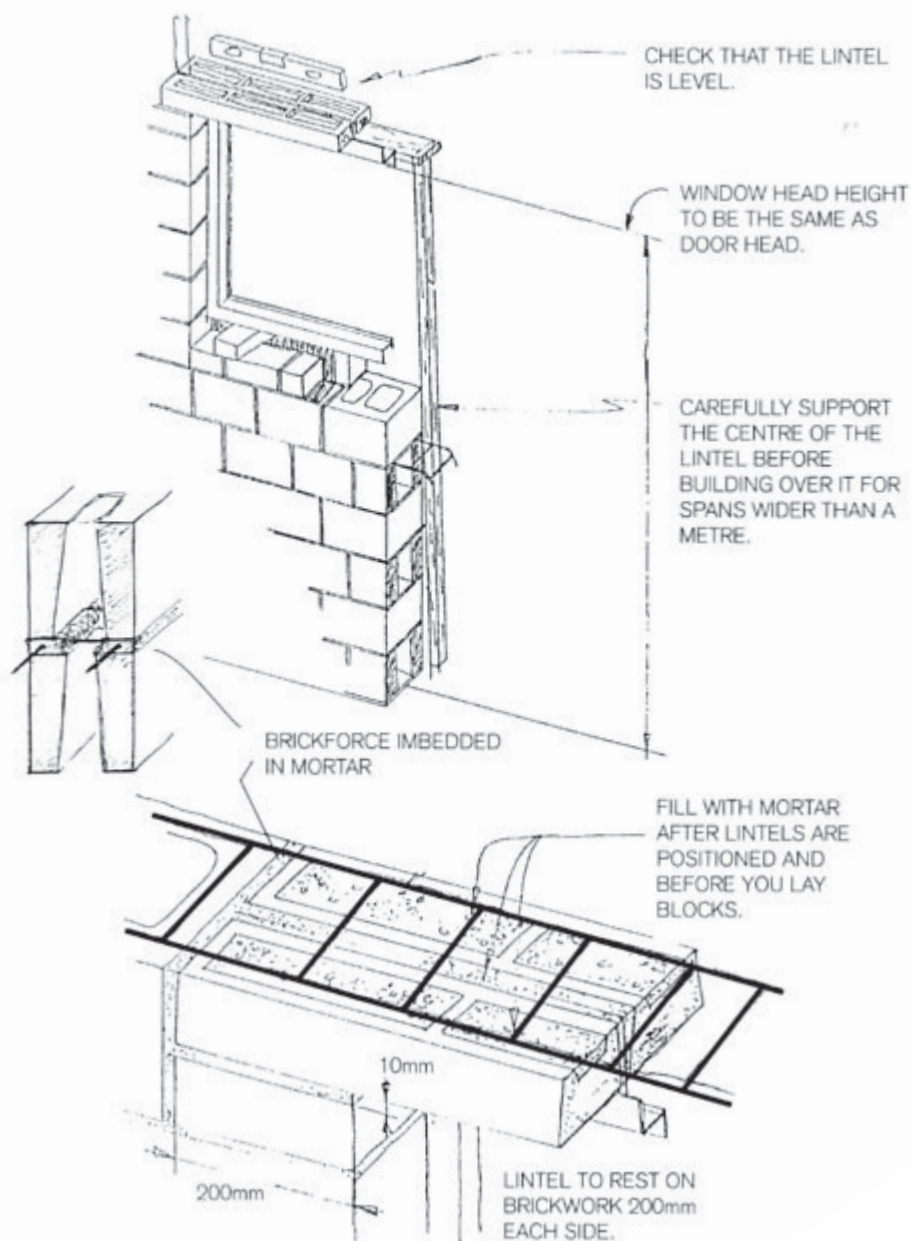
BUILDING IN THE ROOF TIES

# STAGE 5 : STEP 14

## Building in the Lintels

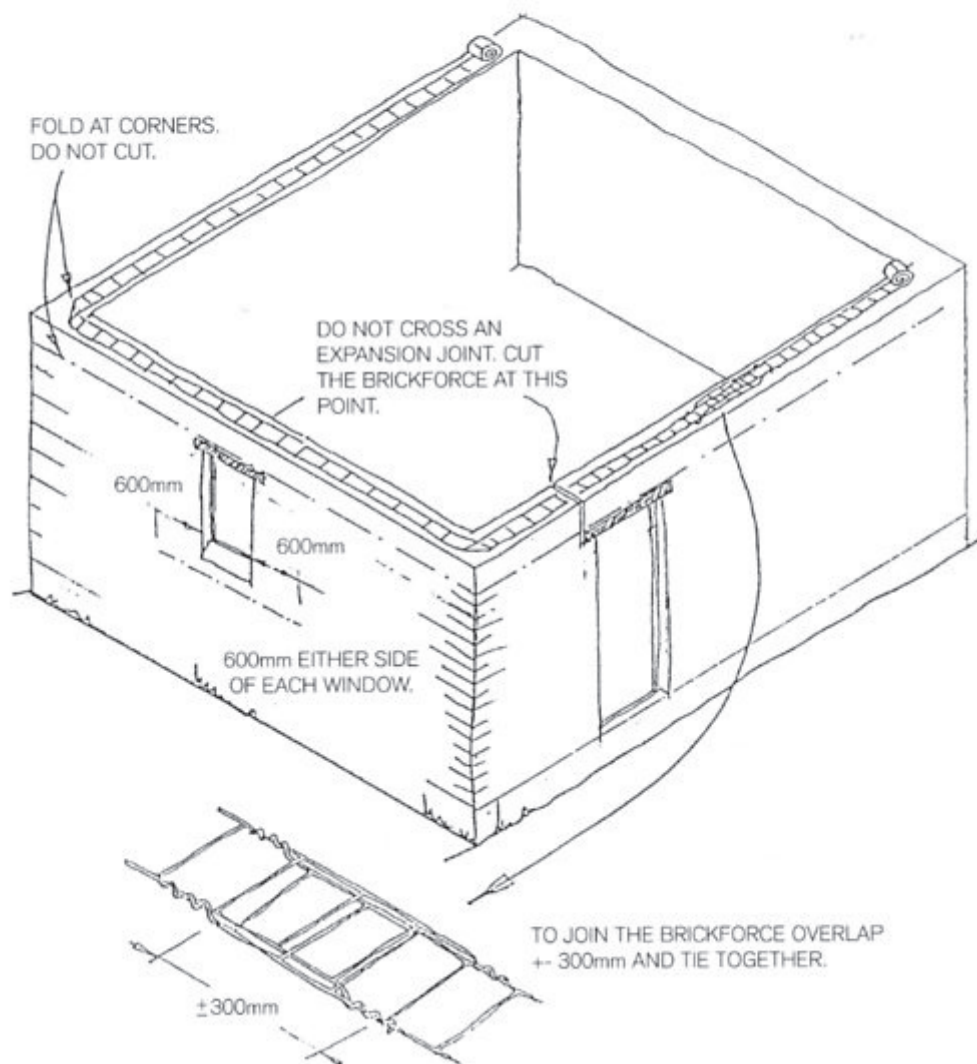


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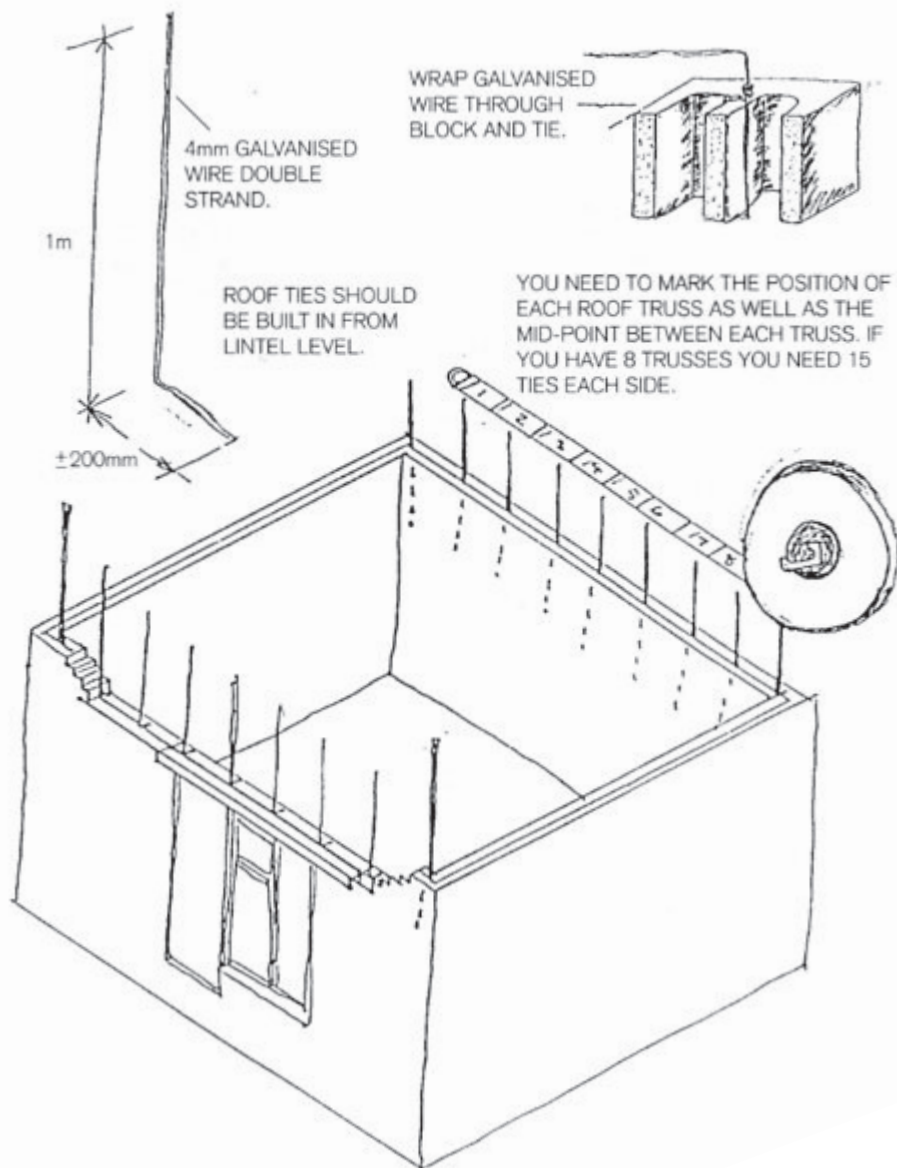
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## Brickforce



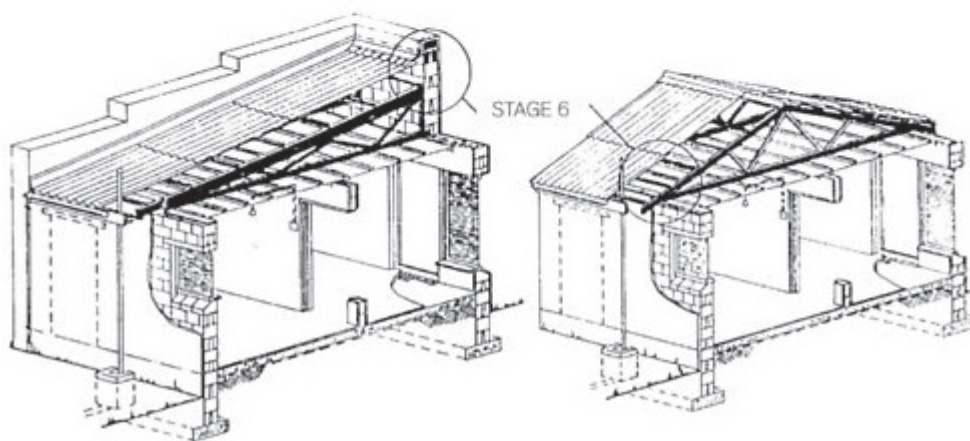
# STAGE 5 : STEP 15

## Building in the Roof Ties





# STAGE 6



## STEP 16

FIXING WALL PLATES IN POSITION  
POSITIONING OF ROOF TRUSSES  
FIXING OF ROOF TRUSSES

## STEP 17

BUILDING THE GABLE WALL ROOF TIES

## STEP 18

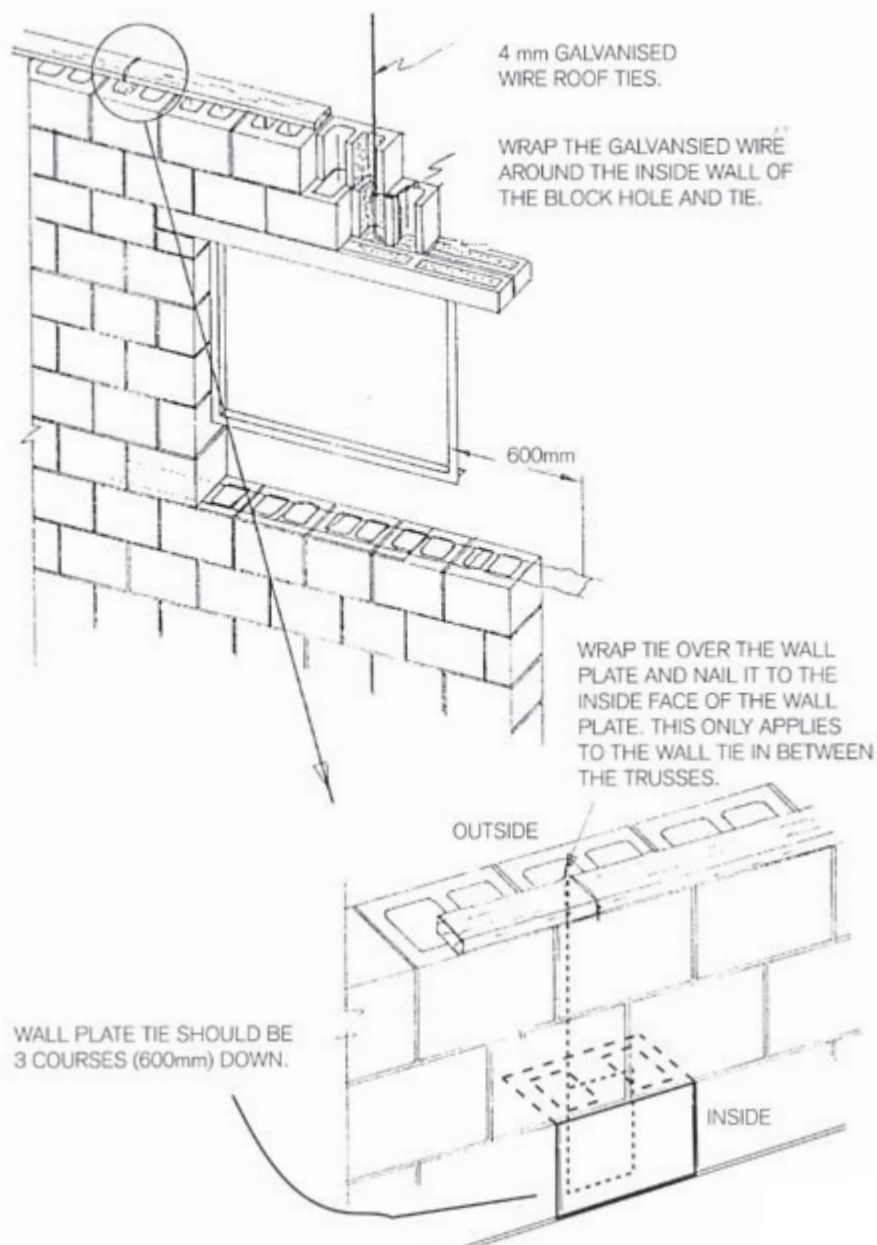
FIXING PURLINS IN POSITION  
FIXING THE ROOF COVERING  
BEAM FILLING  
ROOF SHEETING  
ROOF TILES

## STEP 19

THE CEILING

# STAGE 6 : STEP 16

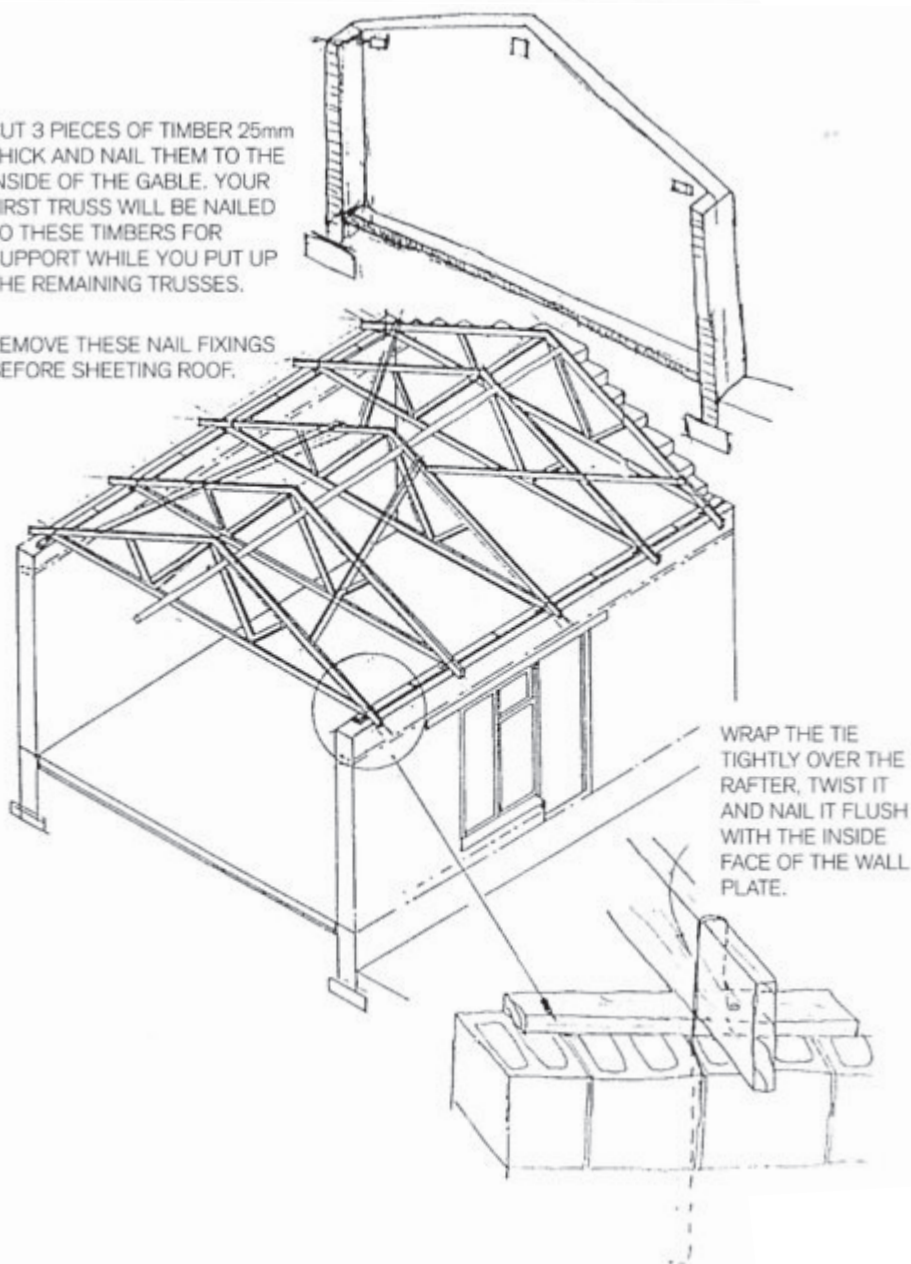
## Fixing the Wall Plates in Position



# STAGE 6 : STEP 16

CUT 3 PIECES OF TIMBER 25mm THICK AND NAIL THEM TO THE INSIDE OF THE GABLE. YOUR FIRST TRUSS WILL BE NAILED TO THESE TIMBERS FOR SUPPORT WHILE YOU PUT UP THE REMAINING TRUSSES.

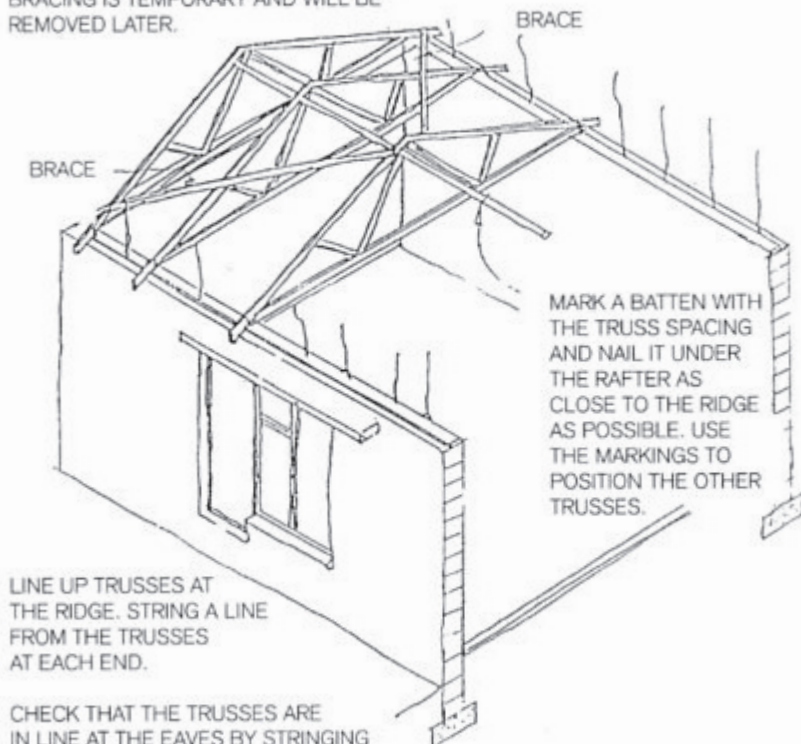
REMOVE THESE NAIL FIXINGS BEFORE SHEETING ROOF.



# STAGE 6 : STEP 16

## Positioning of Roof Trusses

POSITION TRUSSES AND BRACE THEM WITH BATTENS NAILED DIAGONALLY ACROSS. THIS BRACING IS TEMPORARY AND WILL BE REMOVED LATER.

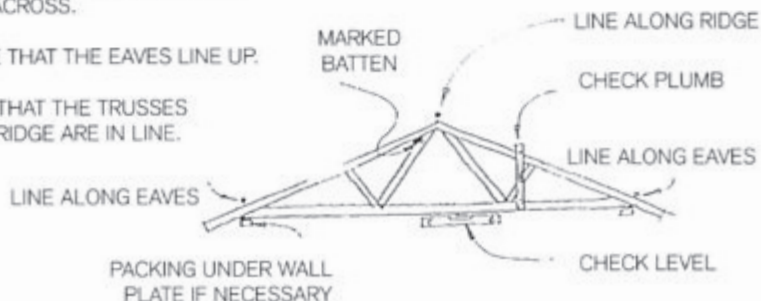


LINE UP TRUSSES AT THE RIDGE. STRING A LINE FROM THE TRUSSES AT EACH END.

CHECK THAT THE TRUSSES ARE IN LINE AT THE EAVES BY STRINGING A LINE ACROSS.

ENSURE THAT THE EAVES LINE UP.

CHECK THAT THE TRUSSES AT THE RIDGE ARE IN LINE.

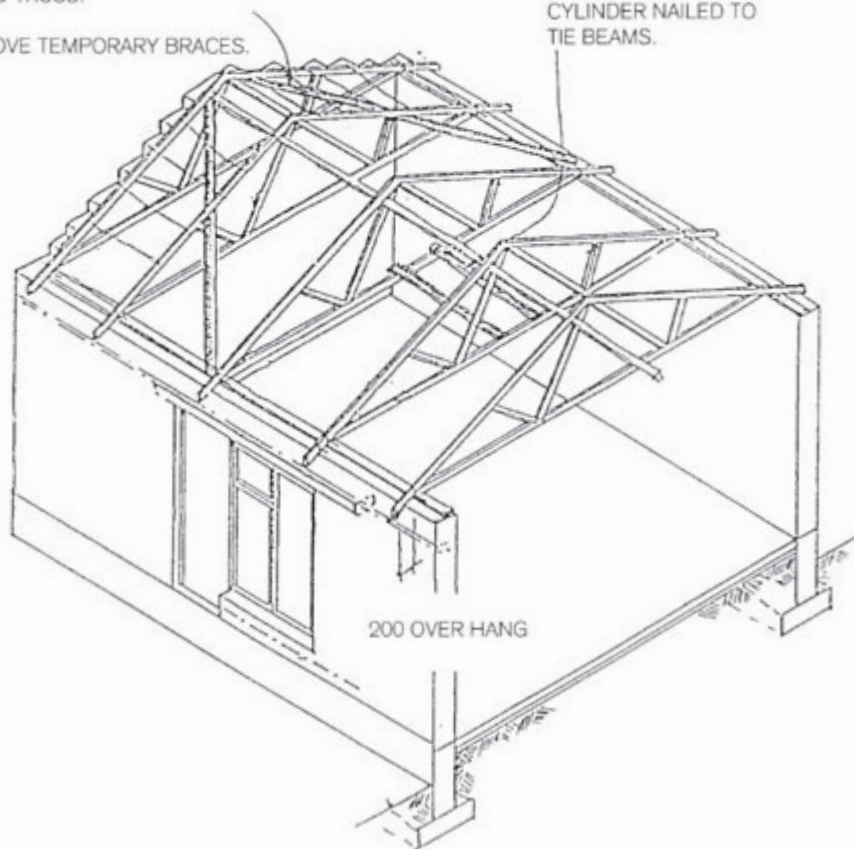


# STAGE 6 : STEP 16

NAIL PERMANENT BRACES TO UNDERSIDE OF THE RAFTERS WITH TWO NAILS PER RAFTER, AND TO THE WALL PLATE AGAINST THE THIRD TRUSS.

REMOVE TEMPORARY BRACES.

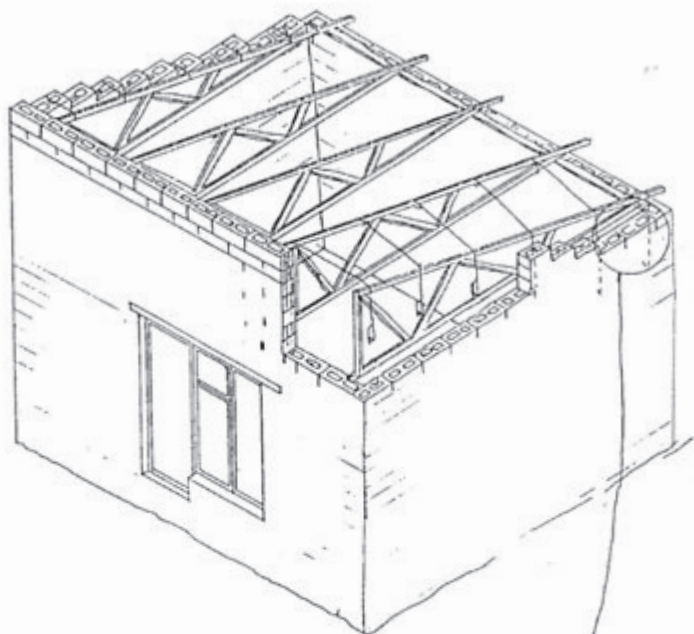
75 x 50 SUPPORTS FOR THE HOT WATER CYLINDER NAILED TO TIE BEAMS.





# STAGE 6 : STEP 17

## Building the Gable Wall Roof Ties

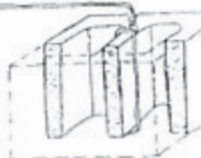
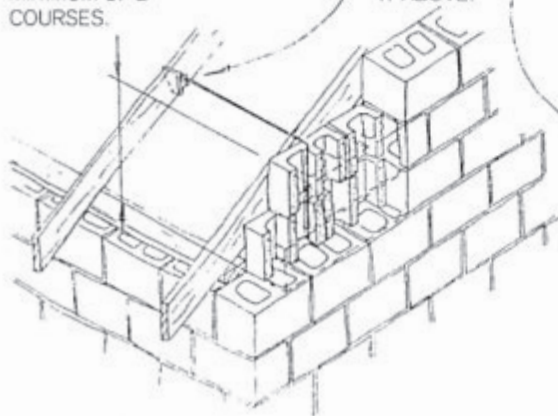


BUILD IN GABLE  
TIES FOR A  
MINIMUM OF 2  
COURSES.

WRAP WIRE AROUND  
SECOND TRUSS AND TIE  
IT ABOVE.

3.2mm DIAMETER  
GALVANISED WIRE.

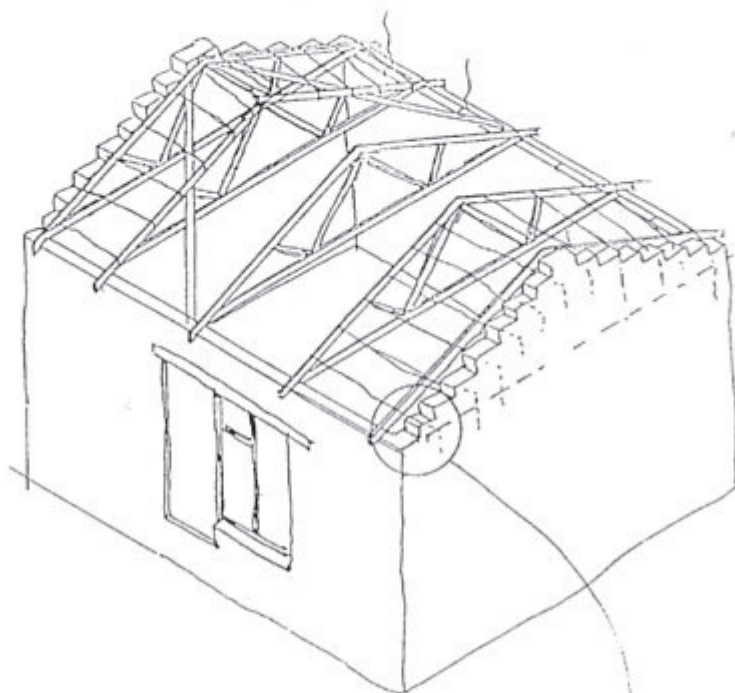
WRAP GALVANISED  
WIRE IN THROUGH  
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# STAGE 6 : STEP 18

## Fixing Purlins in Position

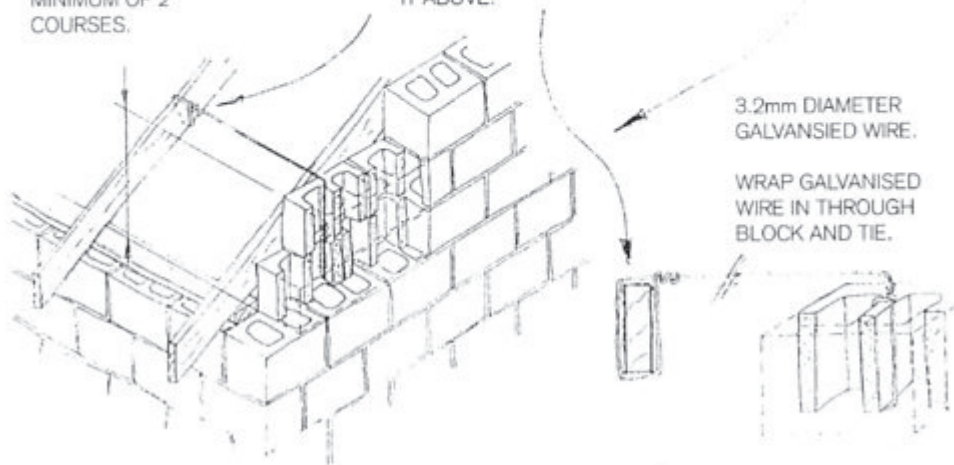


BUILD IN GABLE  
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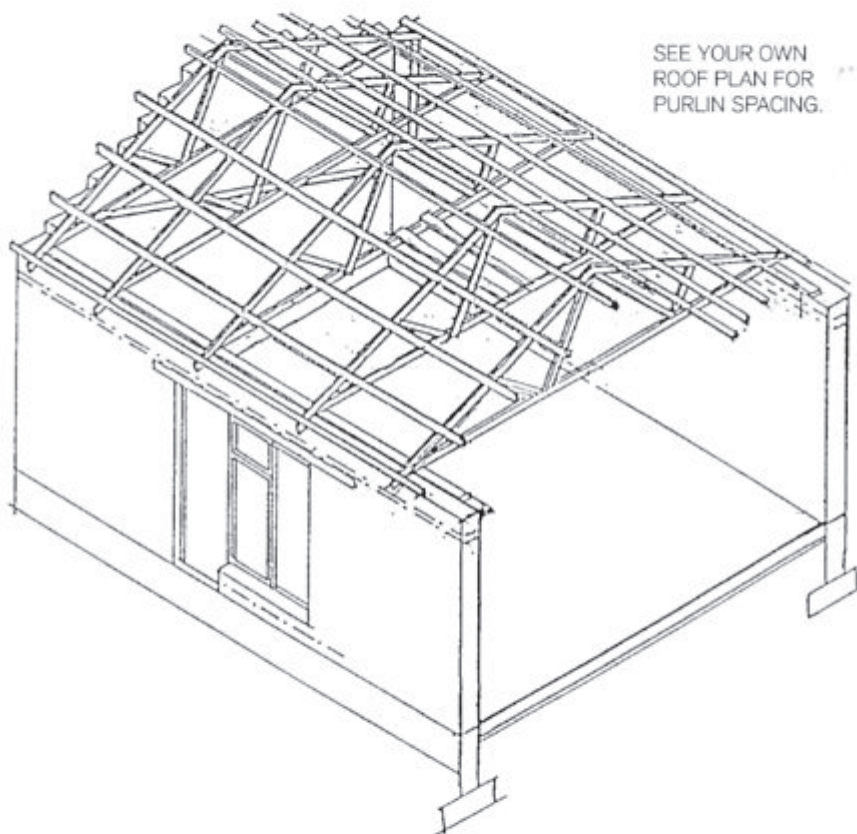
3.2mm DIAMETER  
GALVANISED WIRE.

WRAP GALVANISED  
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# STAGE 6 : STEP 18

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SEE YOUR OWN  
ROOF PLAN FOR  
PURLIN SPACING.

## NOTE:

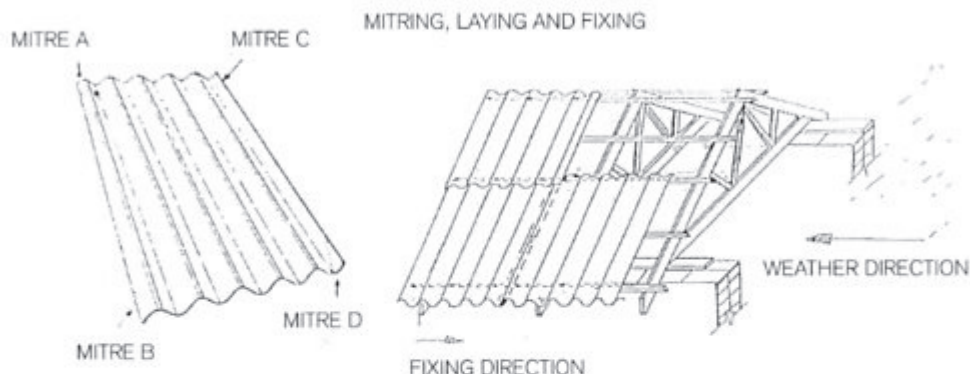
SHEET OR ROOF TILE COVERING?

THE SPACING OF GABLES AND PURLINS OR BATTENS  
DEPEND ON THE TYPE OF ROOF COVERING.

YOU SHOULD CONSULT WITH THE SUPPLIERS AS TO THE  
EXACT REQUIREMENTS.

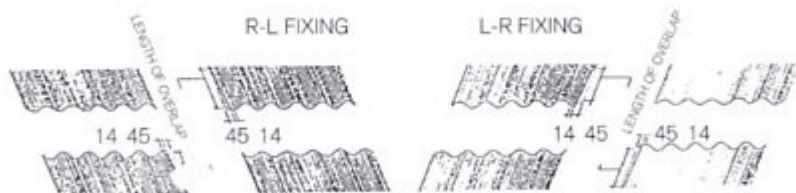
# STAGE 6 : STEP 18

## Fixing the Roof Covering



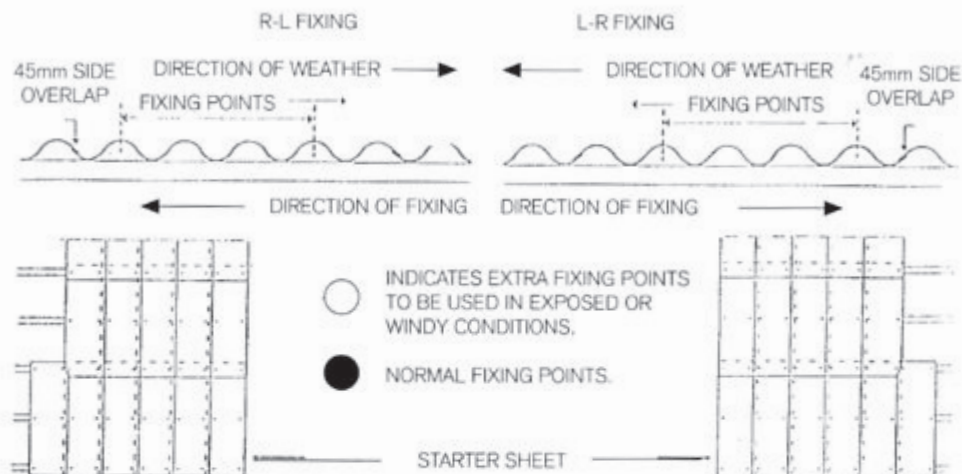
### MITRING

EVERITE 'BIGSIX' SHEETS ARE DESIGNED FOR A 45mm SIDE LAP AND CORNERS MUST BE MITRED FOR CORRECT LAYING.



# STAGE 6 : STEP 18A

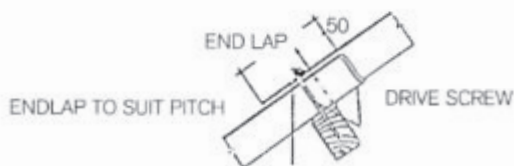
## Sheet Roof Covering



NOTE: SIDE CLADDING TO BE FIXED IN A SIMILAR METHOD.

### FIXING SHEETS

ALL FIXING ACCESSORIES ARE 8mm IN DIAMETER AND ALL HOLES DRILLED THROUGH THE CROWN OF THE CORRUGATION SHOULD BE 10mm IN DIAMETER.

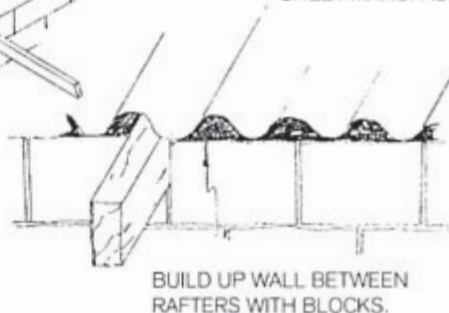
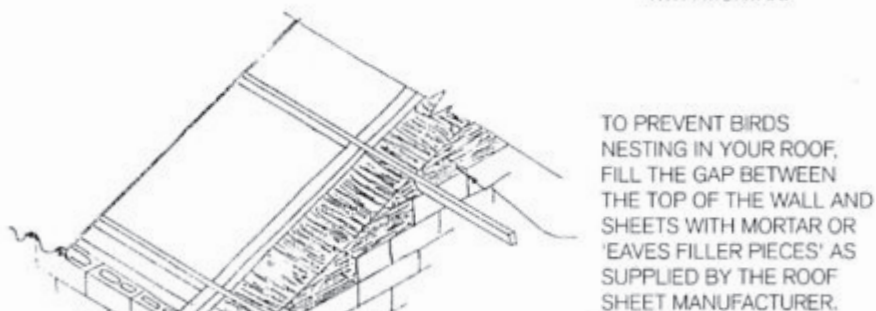
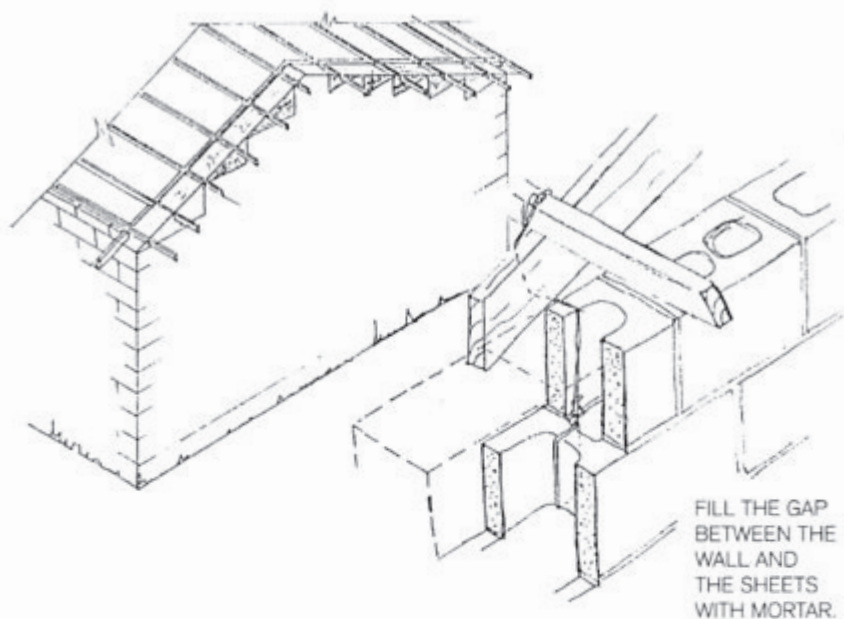


### FIXING TO TIMBER PURLINS

UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES END LAPS SHOULD BE ALLOWED BUT FOR ROOF PITCHES BELOW 10° SEALING OF SIDE AND END LAPS MAY BE NECESSARY AND THE MANUFACTURERS SHOULD BE CONSULTED.

# STAGE 6 : STEP 18A

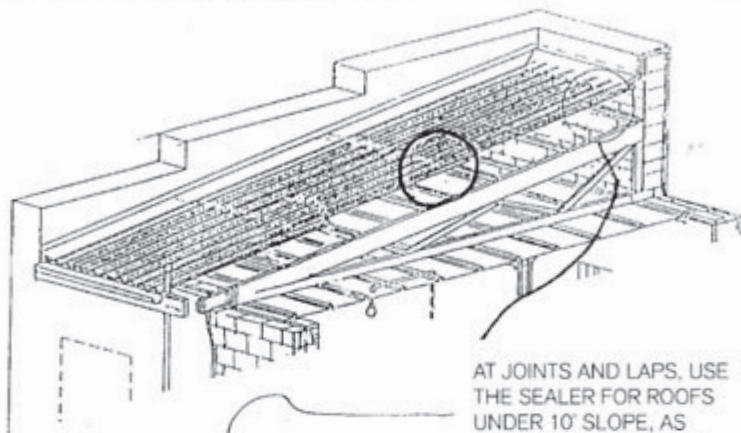
## Beam Filling



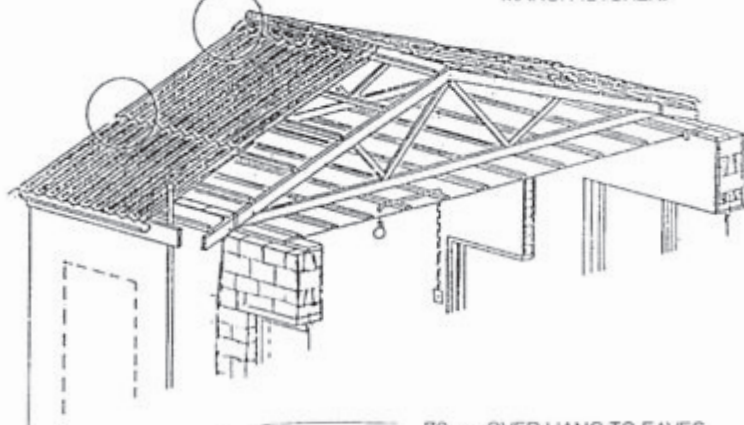


# STAGE 6 : STEP 18A

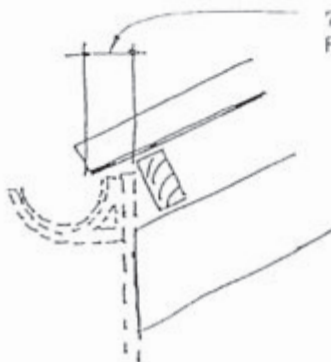
## Sealing the Roof Sheets



AT JOINTS AND LAPS, USE THE SEALER FOR ROOFS UNDER 10° SLOPE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ROOF SHEET MANUFACTURER.



70mm OVER HANG TO EAVES FOR ROOF SHEETS.





# STAGE 6 : STEP 18B

## Battening a Roof for Concrete Roof Tiles

### Setting out procedure

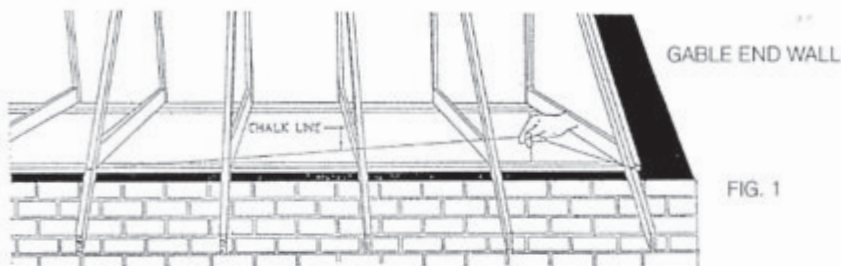


FIG. 1

1. MARK THE POSITION OF THE PLASTER BATTEN DIRECT IN LINE WITH THE EXTERIOR WALL FACE AT BOTH GABLE ENDS.
2. MARK THE POSITION OF THE RIDGE BATTEN 25MM FROM THE ROOF APEX AT BOTH GABLE ENDS AND STRIKE A CHALK LINE BETWEEN THE TWO POINTS.

### Battening procedure

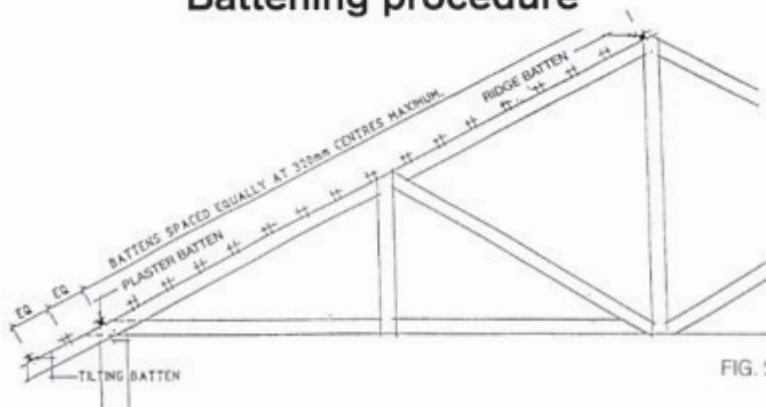


FIG. 2

1. PLACE TOP EDGE OF PLASTER AND RIDGE BATTEN ON THE CHALK LINE AND NAIL INTO RAFTER.
2. DIVIDE THE DISTANCE BETWEEN THE PLASTER AND RIDGE BATTENS INTO EQUAL BATTEN CENTRES.
3. MARK THE BATTEN CENTRES ONTO RAFTERS AND STRIKE A CHALK LINE.
4. PLACE THE BATTENS INTO POSITION AND NAIL TO THE RAFTERS.
5. USE THE SAME BATTEN CENTRES AT THE ROOF OVERHANG.

# STAGE 6 : STEP 18B

## Tiling a Roof with Concrete Roof Tiles

### Setting out procedure



FIG. 3

1. SET OUT ONE COURSE OF TILES AT EAVES AND RIDGE ENSURING AN EQUAL OVERHANG IS ATTAINED AT EITHER END. IF NECESSARY ADJUST THE ROW OF TILES UNTIL OVERHANGS ARE EQUAL.

### Tiling procedure

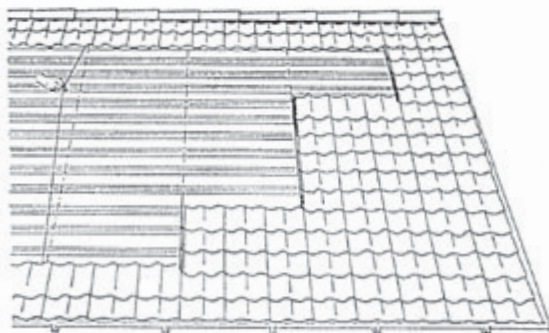


FIG. 4

1. ONCE SETTING OUT PROCEDURE IS COMPLETE MARK EACH THIRD TILE POSITION ON THE BATTENS.
2. START TILING FROM RIGHT TO LEFT AND FROM BOTTOM TO TOP TAKING THREE ROWS OF TILES UP AT THE TIME.

# STAGE 6 : STEP 18B

## Tiling a Roof with Concrete Roof Tiles

### Mortar for Ridge Tiles

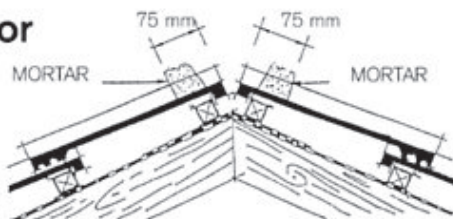


FIG. 5

1. MIX MORTAR FOR BEDDING AND POSITIONING OF RIDGE/TILES TO THE DESIRED WORKABILITY.
2. THE MIX CONSISTS OF 3 PARTS PLASTER SAND AND ONE PART OF CEMENT.
3. TINT MORTAR WITH PIGMENT TO THE COLOUR OF THE ROOF TILES.

### Bedding of Ridge Tiles

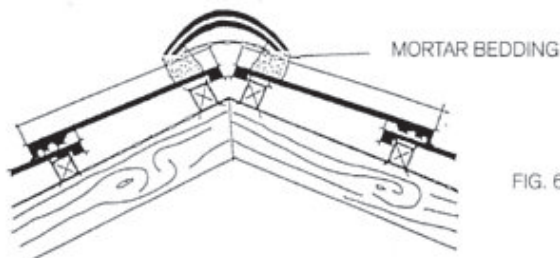


FIG. 6

1. PLACE SUITABLE DAMPCOURSE 150mm WIDE OVER THE TOP COURSE OF TILES.
2. PLACE MORTAR WITH A TROWELL ONTO THE TOP COURSE OF TILES TO FORM A CONTINUOUS BED INTO WHICH THE RIDGE TILES ARE PRESSED.
3. POINT THE MORTAR AT RIGHT ANGLES TO THE TILES AND WETBRUSH FOR A SMOOTH FINISH.

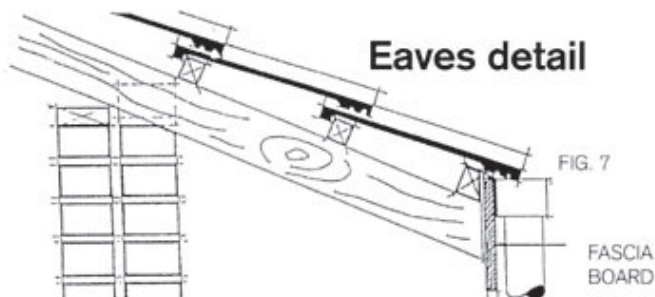


FIG. 7

1. THE GUTTER OVERHANG OF TILES AT THE FASCIA BOARD IS NORMALLY 50mm.
2. USE TILTING FILLET OR THE FASCIA BOARD TO KEEP THE TILES AT EAVES IN THE CORRECT PLAIN.

# STAGE 6 : STEP 18B

## Tiling a Roof with Concrete Roof Tiles

### Verge detail

FIG. 8

ONCE THE VERGE OVERHANG HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED USING FULL TILES, MARK THE TOP AND BOTTOM BATTENS ONLY. STRIKE A CHALK LINE BETWEEN THE TWO POINTS. CUT THE BATTENS ON THE CHALK MARK.

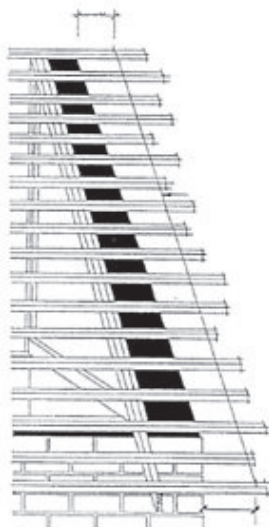


FIG. 8

FIG. 9

FIX THE COUNTER BATTEN TO THE ENDS OF THE TILING BATTENS FLUSH WITH THE TOP EDGE OF THE BATTENS.

FIG. 10

POSITION THE FIRST RAKE TILE AGAINST THE SECOND COURSE OF TILES AND NAIL INTO POSITION.

POSITION THE REMAINING RAKE TILES ONE AT THE TIME AGAINST THE NEXT COURSE OF TILES AND FIX INTO POSITION USING NON CORRODIBLE NAILS.

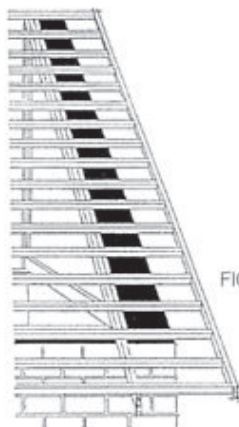


FIG.9

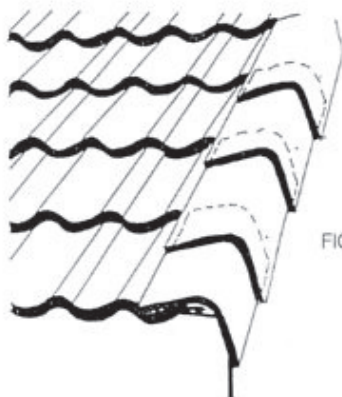
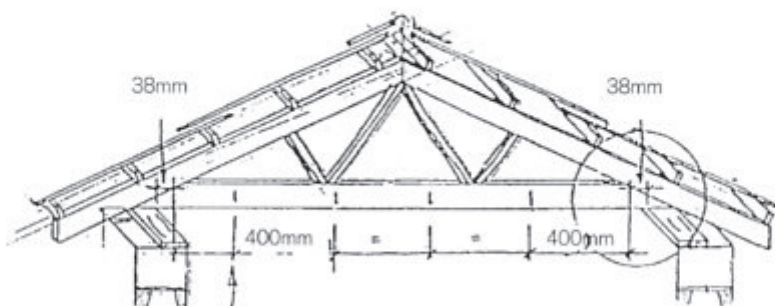


FIG.10

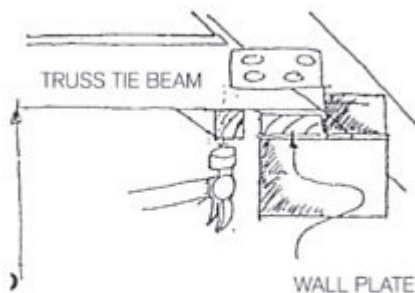
# STAGE 6 : STEP 19

## The Ceiling



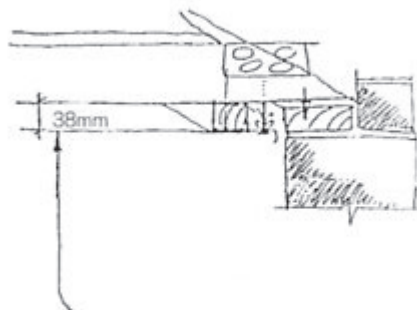
- 1** MARK THE CENTRES OF YOUR BRANDERING ONTO THE TRUSSES AT EACH END.

KNOCK A NAIL AT EACH MARK AND USING A CHALK STRING, MARK THE TRUSSES IN BETWEEN.



- 2** FIND OUT WHICH IS THE LOWEST TRUSS TIE BEAM. THIS WILL INDICATE THE LEVEL OF THE TOP OF THE BRANDERING THROUGHOUT.

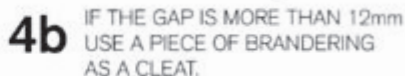
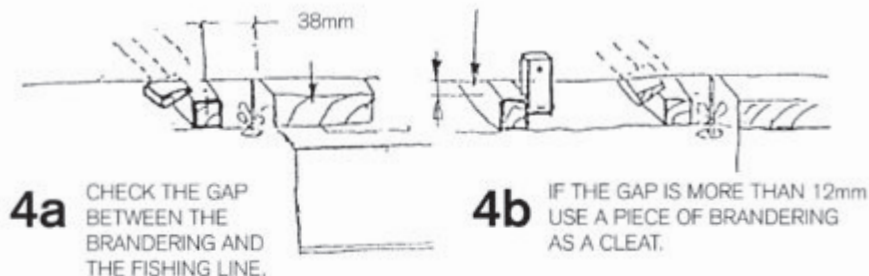
NAIL THE BRANDERING TO THE UNDERSIDE OF THE TIE BEAMS USING THE CHALK MARKS TO KEEP THEM IN LINE.



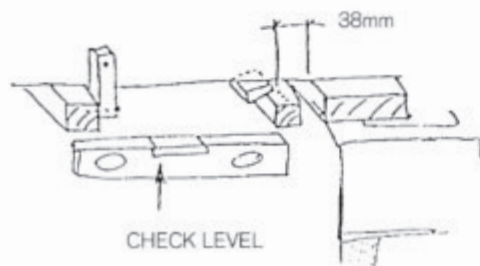
- 3** USING FISHING LINE AND NAILS KNOCKED INTO THE ENDS OF THE TIE BEAMS, EXTEND THE LINE ALONG THE TIE BEAMS FROM SIDE TO SIDE.



# STAGE 6 : STEP 19



HAMMER GENTLY ON TOP OF THE BRANDERING UNTIL IT JUST TOUCHES THE LINE. USE PACKING TO FILL THE GAP BETWEEN THE BRANDERING AND THE TIE BEAM THEN FIX PERMANENTLY WITH A 75mm LONG SCREW NAIL.



**WHEN YOU ARE SURE THAT ALL BRANDERINGS ARE SECURE AND LEVEL, REMOVE ALL THE NAILS YOU USED FOR THE LINES.**



# STAGE 6 : STEP 19

## PLASTERED RHINOBOARD

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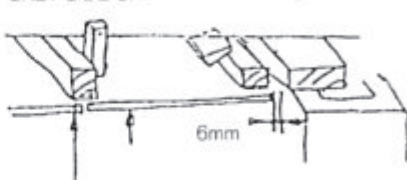


GREY SIDE DOWN

- 5a** FIX RHINO BOARD WITH 38mm GALV CLOUT NAILS +/- 150mm CENTRES.

## UNPLASTERED RHINOBOARD

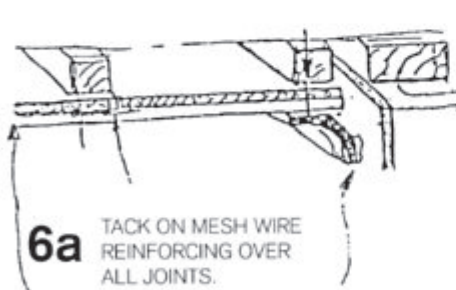
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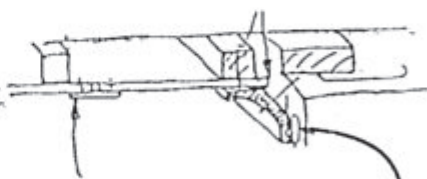
IVORY SIDE DOWN

- 5b** FIX RHINO BOARD WITH 38mm GALV CLOUT NAILS +/- 150mm CENTRES.

FIX CORNICE TO BRANDERING THROUGH THE CEILING USING 38mm GALVANISED NAILS AT 350mm CENTRES.



- 6a** TACK ON MESH WIRE REINFORCING OVER ALL JOINTS.



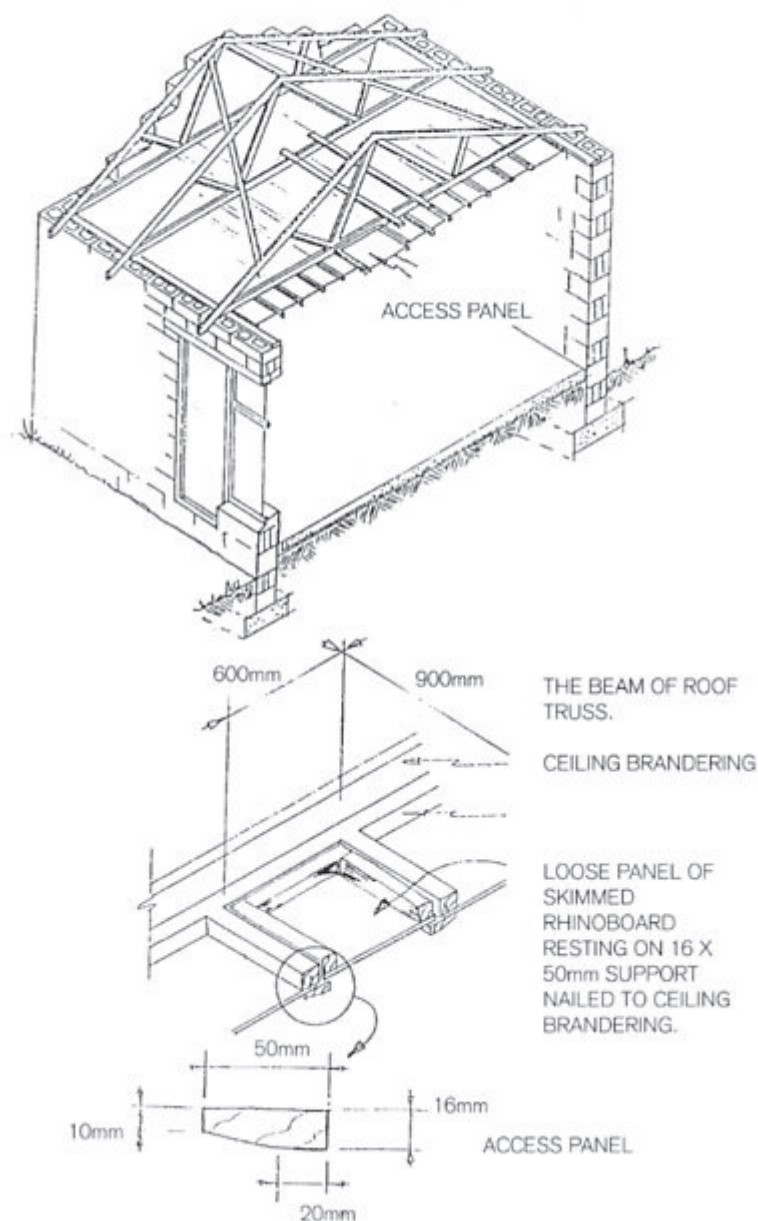
- 6b** FIX COVER STRIPS WITH IVORY FACE DOWN WITH 38mm GALV NAILS AT 150mm CENTRES.

- 7a** PLASTER ENTIRE SURFACE WITH 6mm CRETESTONE PLASTER FOLLOWED BY A SKIM COAT OF 'GLADSTONE' / CRETESTONE TO SMOOTH SURFACE.

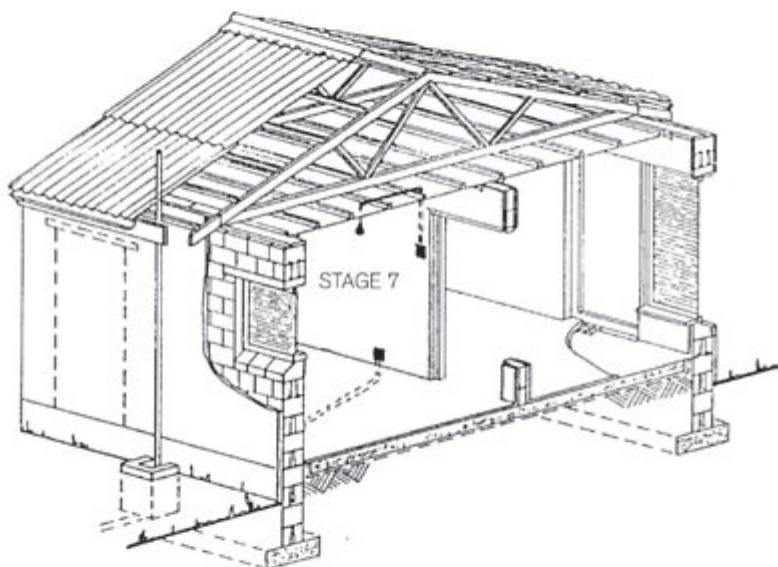
APPLY CRETESTONE FILLING BEFORE FIXING CORNICE.

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# STAGE 6 : STEP 19



# STAGE 7



## STEP 20

ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION

# STAGE 7 : STEP 20

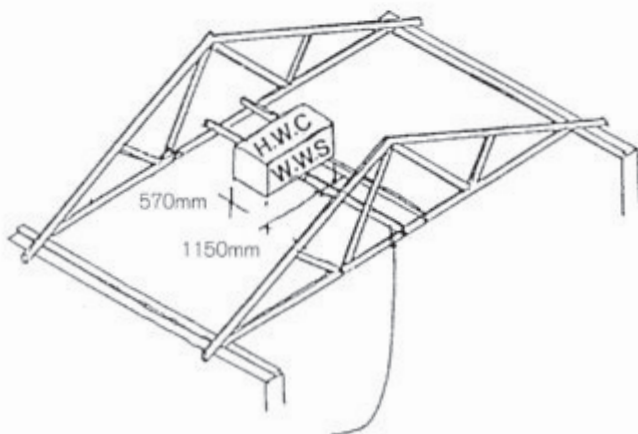
## Electrical Installation

THE ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION MUST BE DONE BY A QUALIFIED ELECTRICIAN.

TO PREPARE FOR THE ELECTRICIAN YOU SHOULD:

1. CONSTRUCT SUPPORTS FOR THE HOT WATER CYLINDER.
2. CUT CHASES (GROOVES) IN THE WALLS TO CONCEAL CONDUITS (IF REQUIRED).

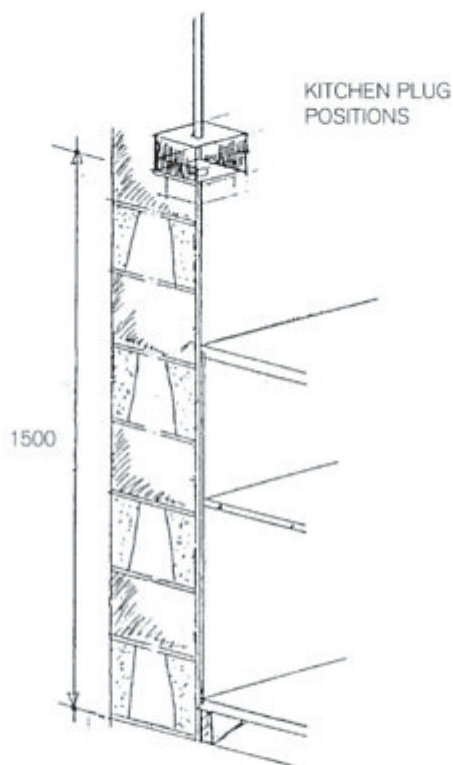
A HOT WATER CYLINDER OF 150 LITRES CAPACITY IS ADEQUATE FOR A SMALL FAMILY (4-6).



75 X 50mm SUPPORTS  
NAILED BETWEEN  
TRUSSES.

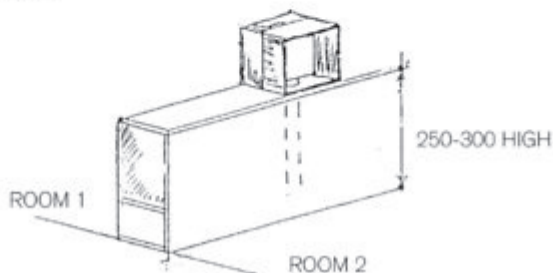
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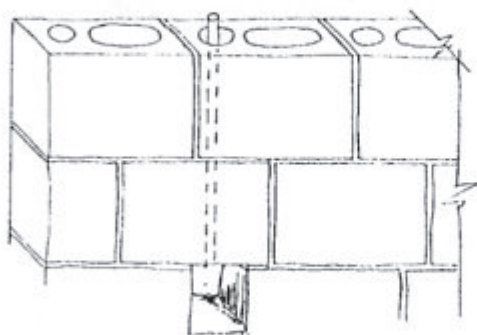
IT IS CHEAPER TO  
BUILD IN PLUGS BACK  
TO BACK.

OTHER PLUG  
POSITONS

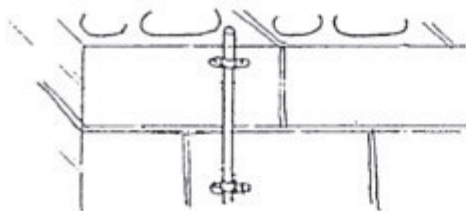


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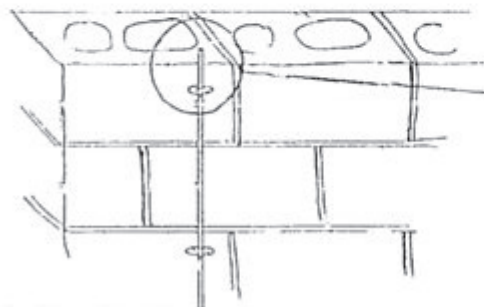
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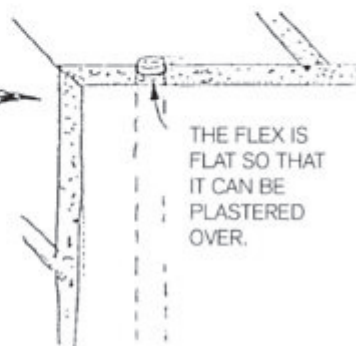
A: CONCEALED CONDUIT



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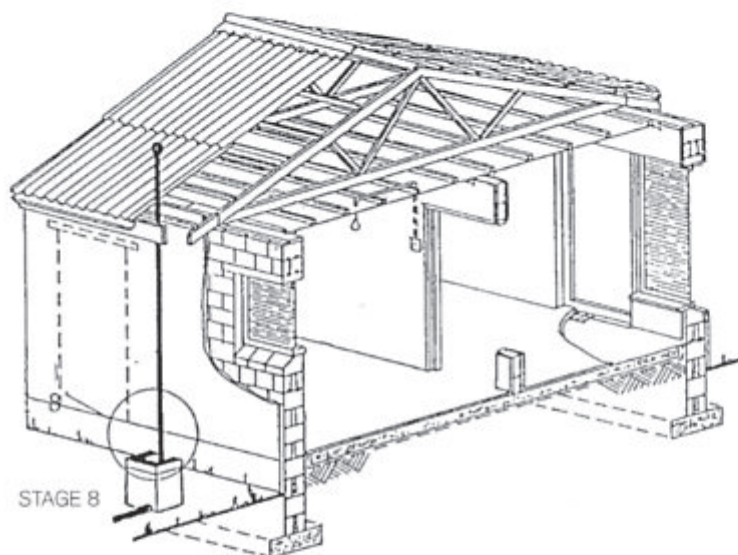


C: SURFACE FLEX





# STAGE 8



## STEP 21

WATER SUPPLY

## STEP 22A

OPEN DRAINAGE  
GULLEY AND INSPECTION CHAMBER  
DRAINAGE

## STEP 22B

CLOSED DRAINAGE SYSTEM  
GULLEY

## STEP 22C

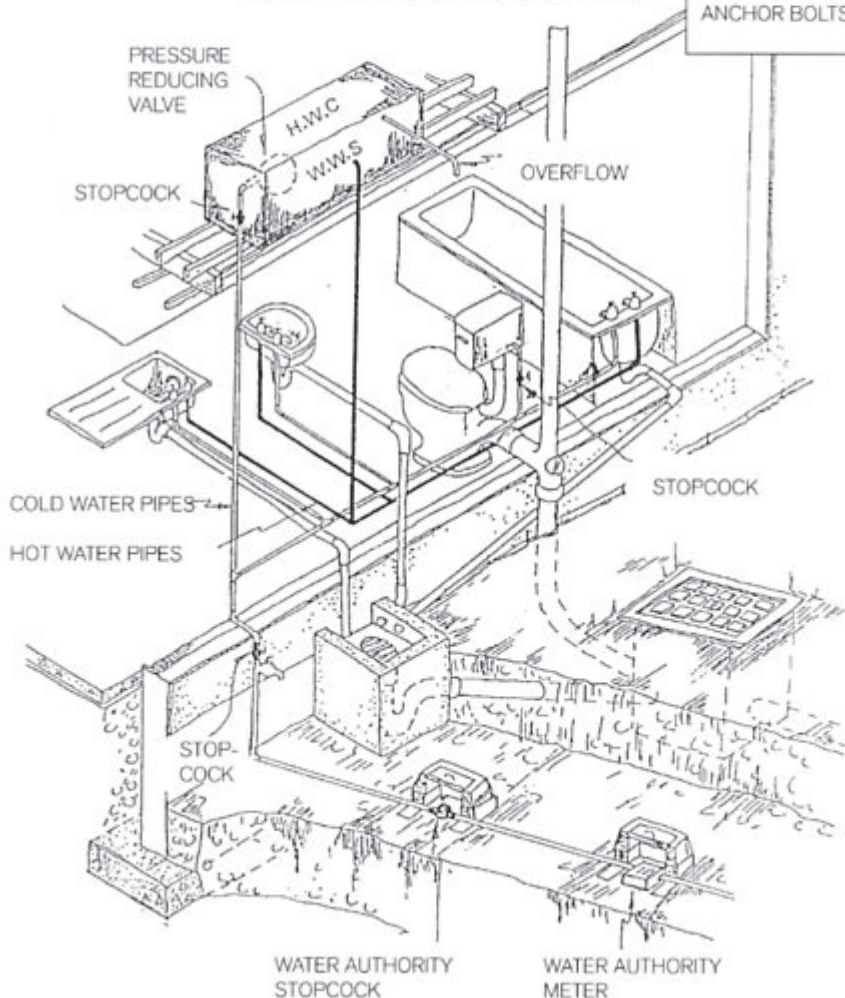
SEPTIC TANK DRAINAGE  
GULLEY AND INSPECTION CHAMBER  
SEPTIC TANK  
SOAKAWAY

# STAGE 8 : STEP 21

## Water Supply

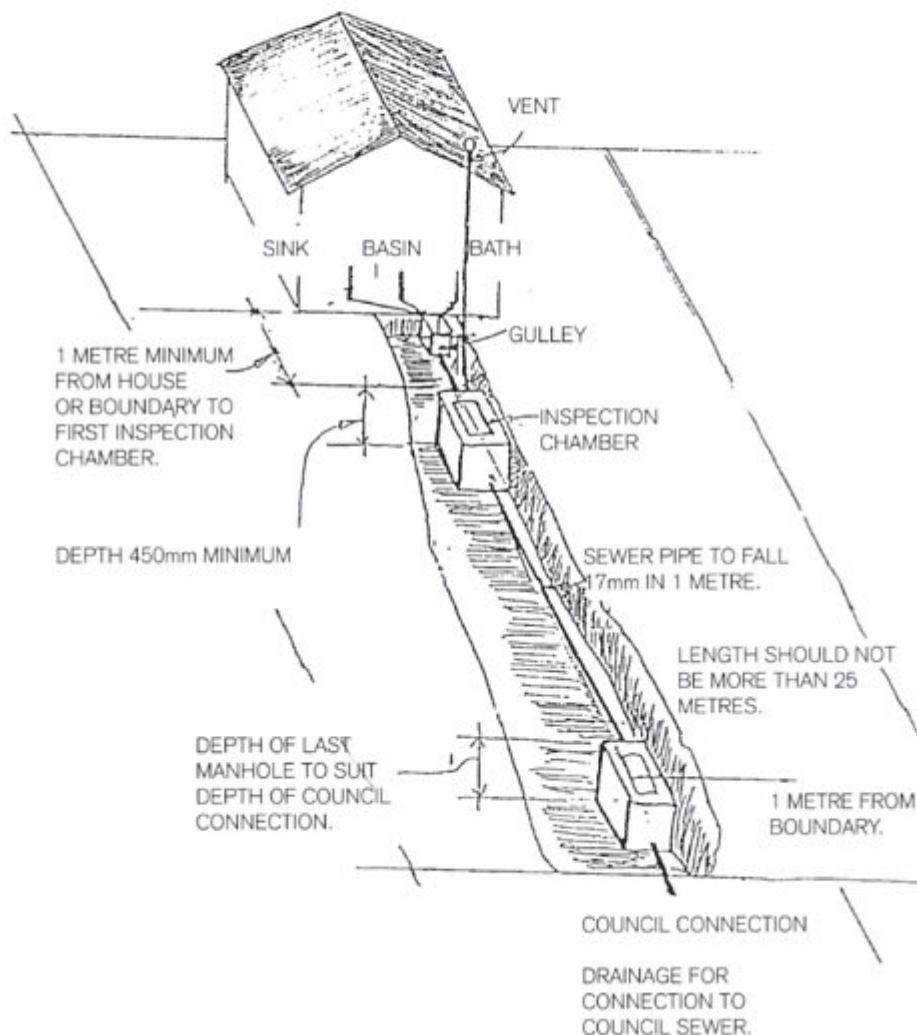
**This is a very important and difficult installation and should be done by a licenced plumber.**

FOR FIXING SINKS, BASINS ETC TO HOLLOW BLOCKS, FILL THE APPROPRIATE CORE WITH MORTAR TO TAKE ANCHOR BOLTS.



# STAGE 8 : STEP 22A

## Open Drainage System

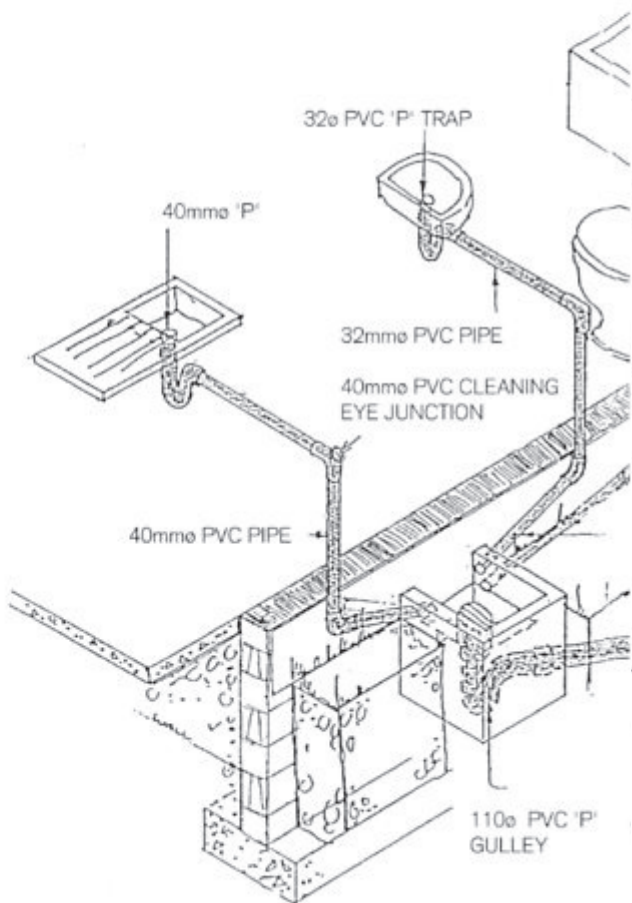


### Gulley and Inspection Chamber



# STAGE 8 : STEP 22A

## Drainage

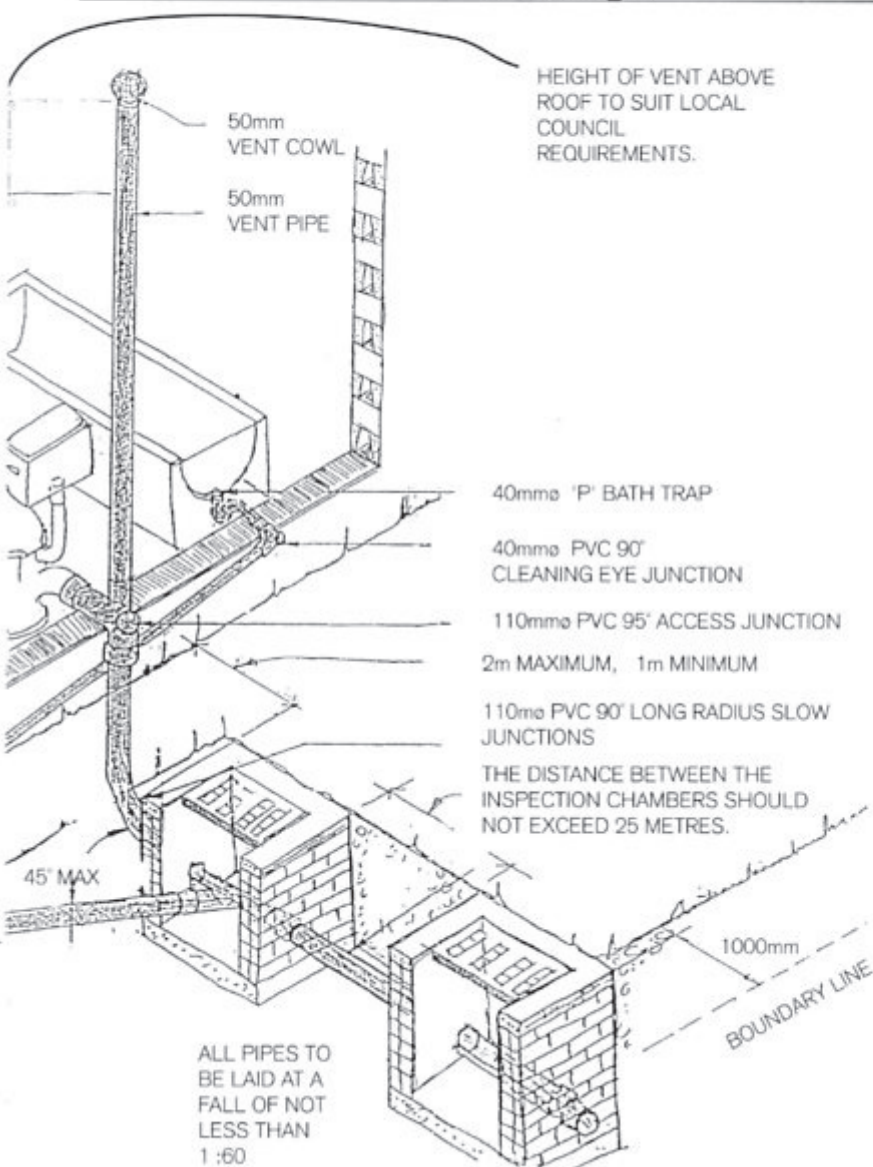


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EVERY 1 METRE LENGTH  
OF SEWER PIPE Laid.



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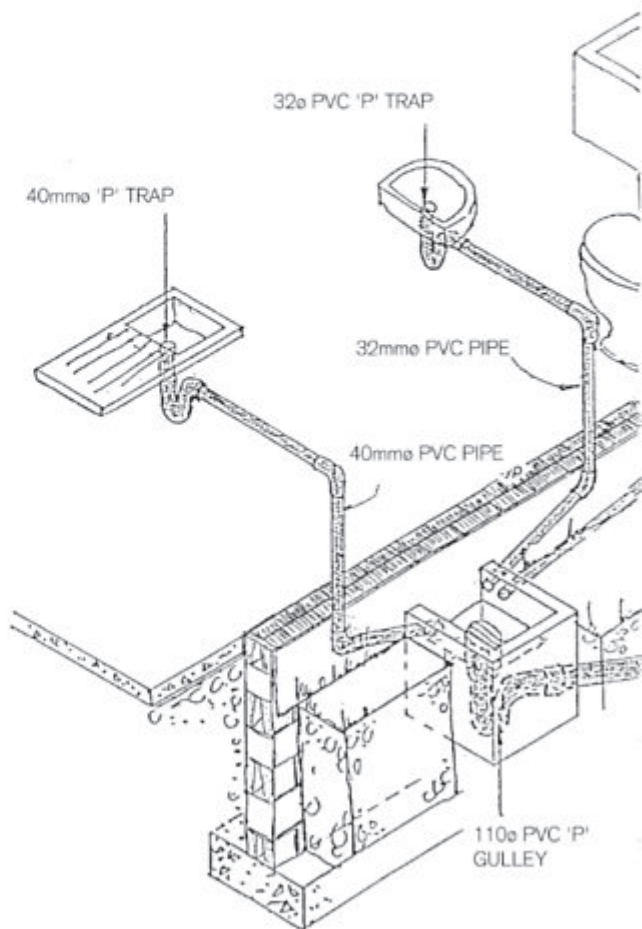
## Drainage





# STAGE 8 : STEP 22B

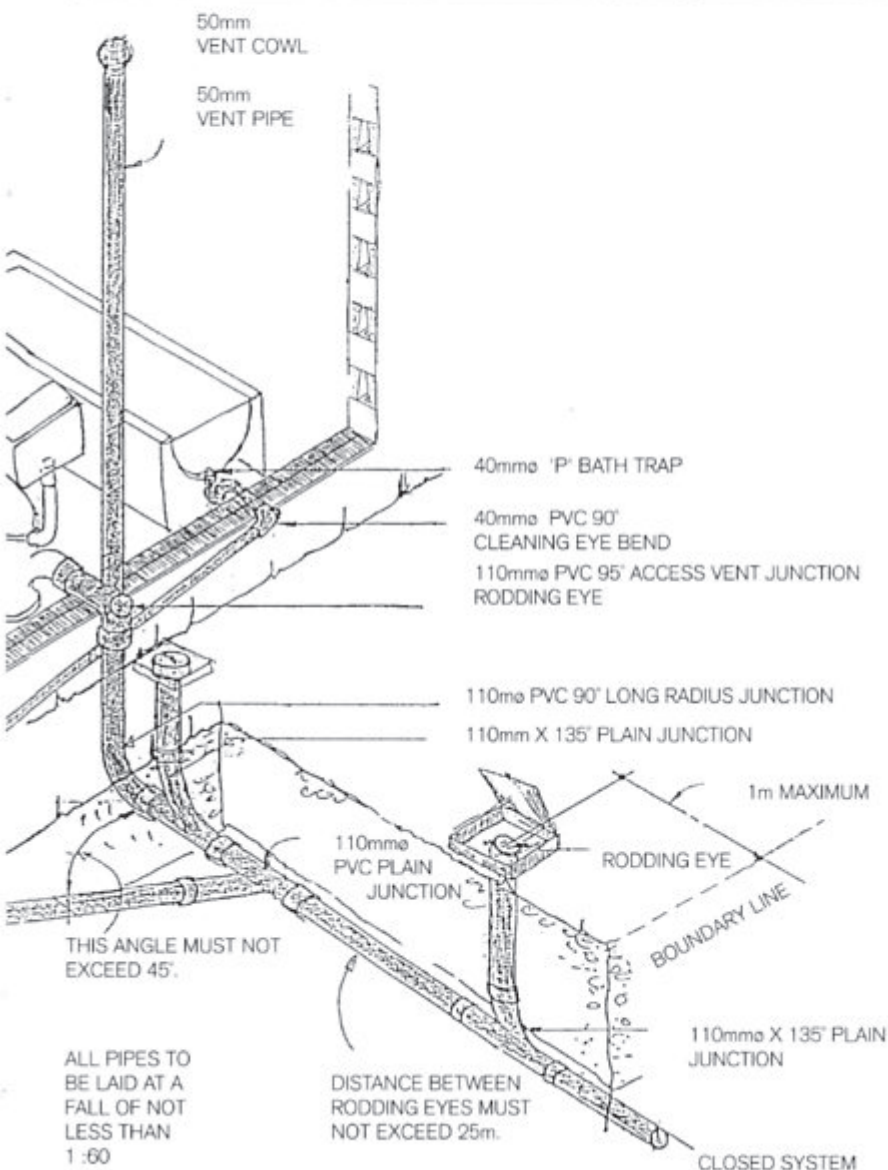
## Closed Drainage System



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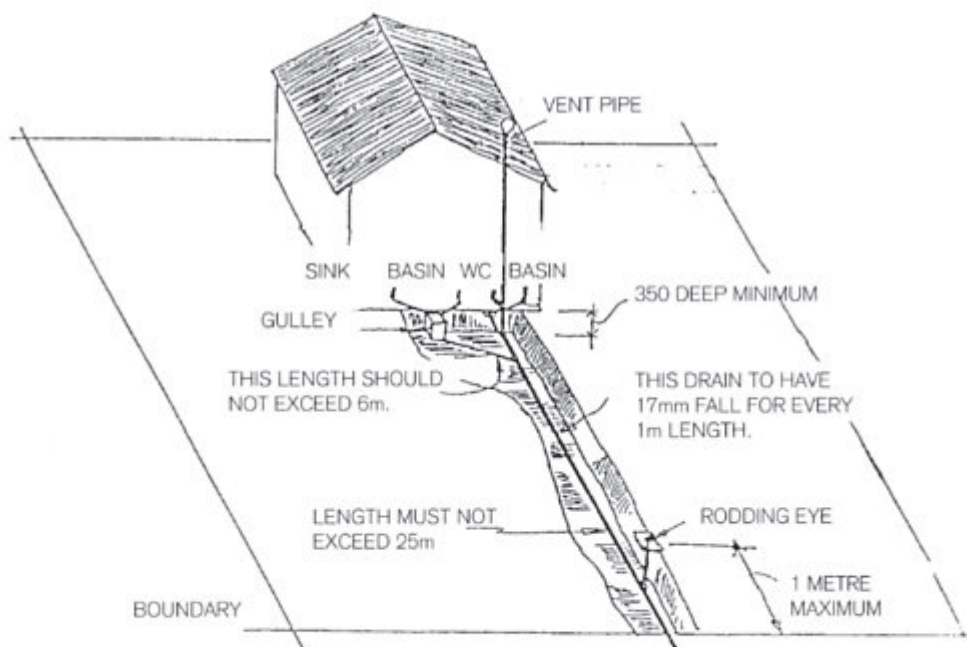
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## Closed Drainage System



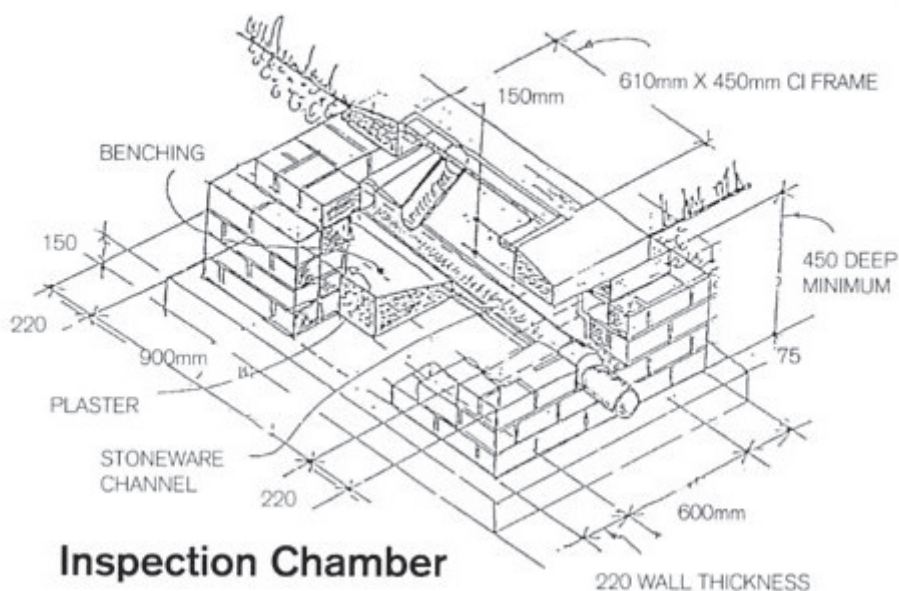
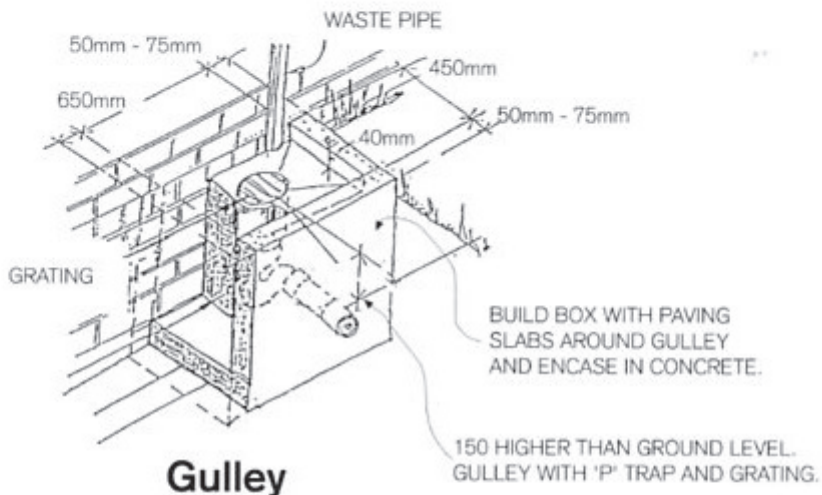
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## Closed Drainage System



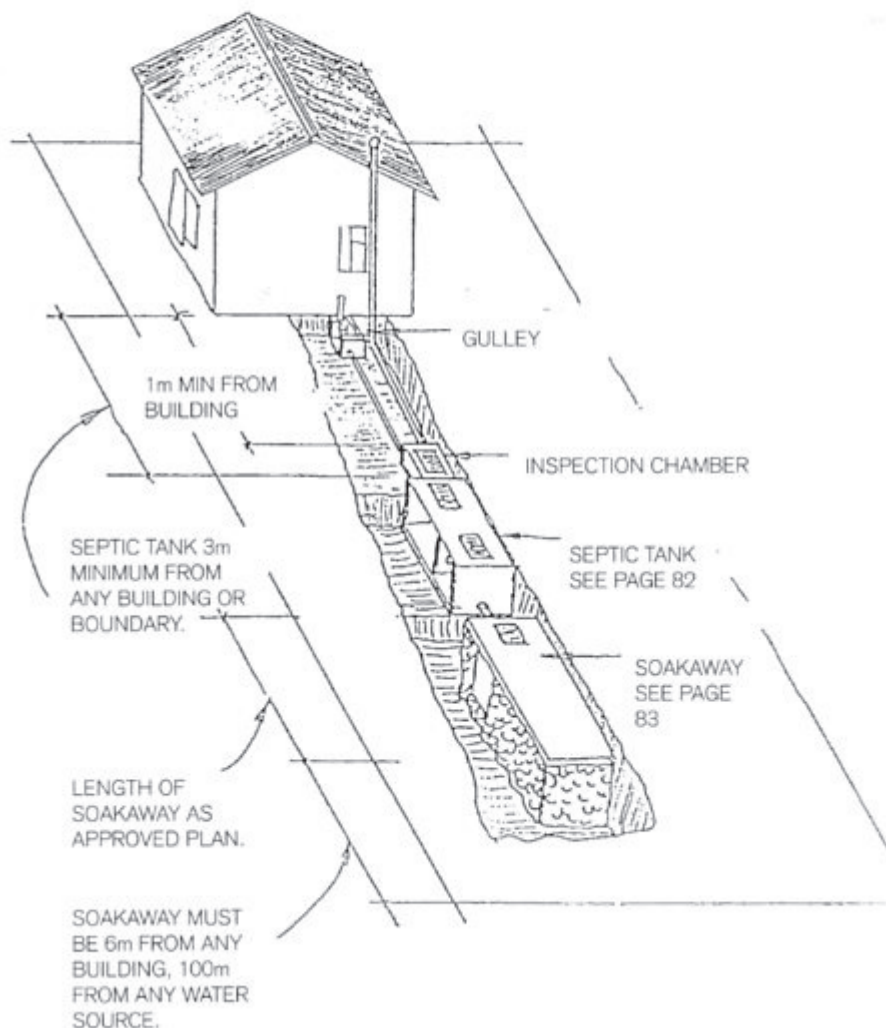
# STAGE 8 : STEP 22C

## Gulley and Inspection Chamber



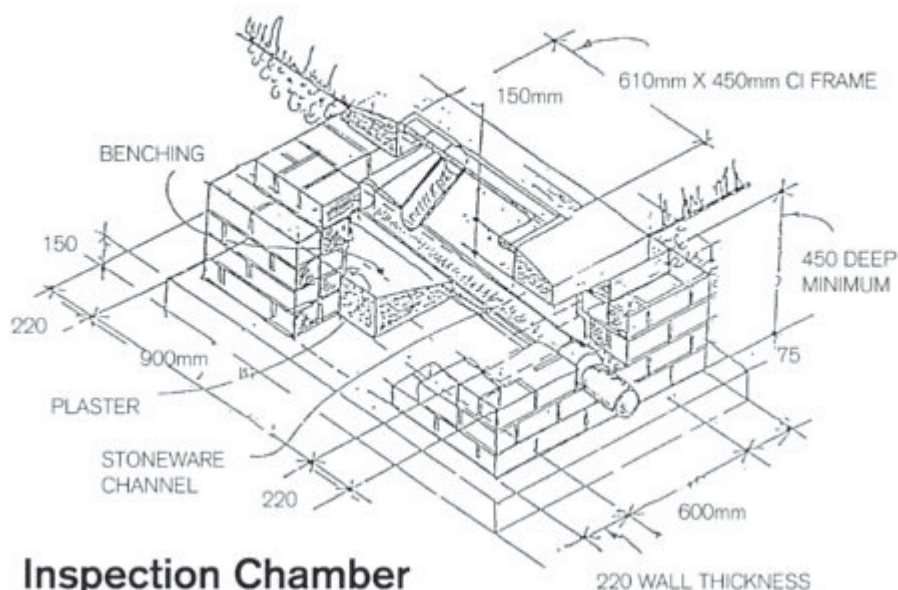
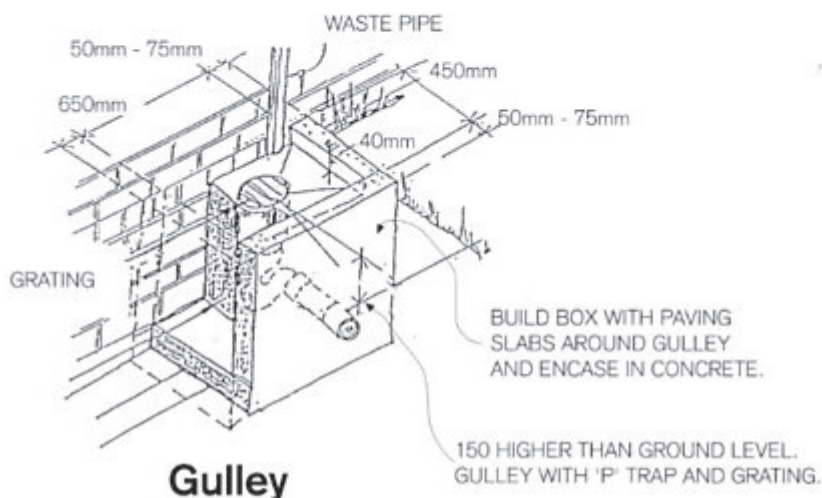
# STAGE 8 : STEP 22C

## Septic Tank Drainage



# STAGE 8 : STEP 22C

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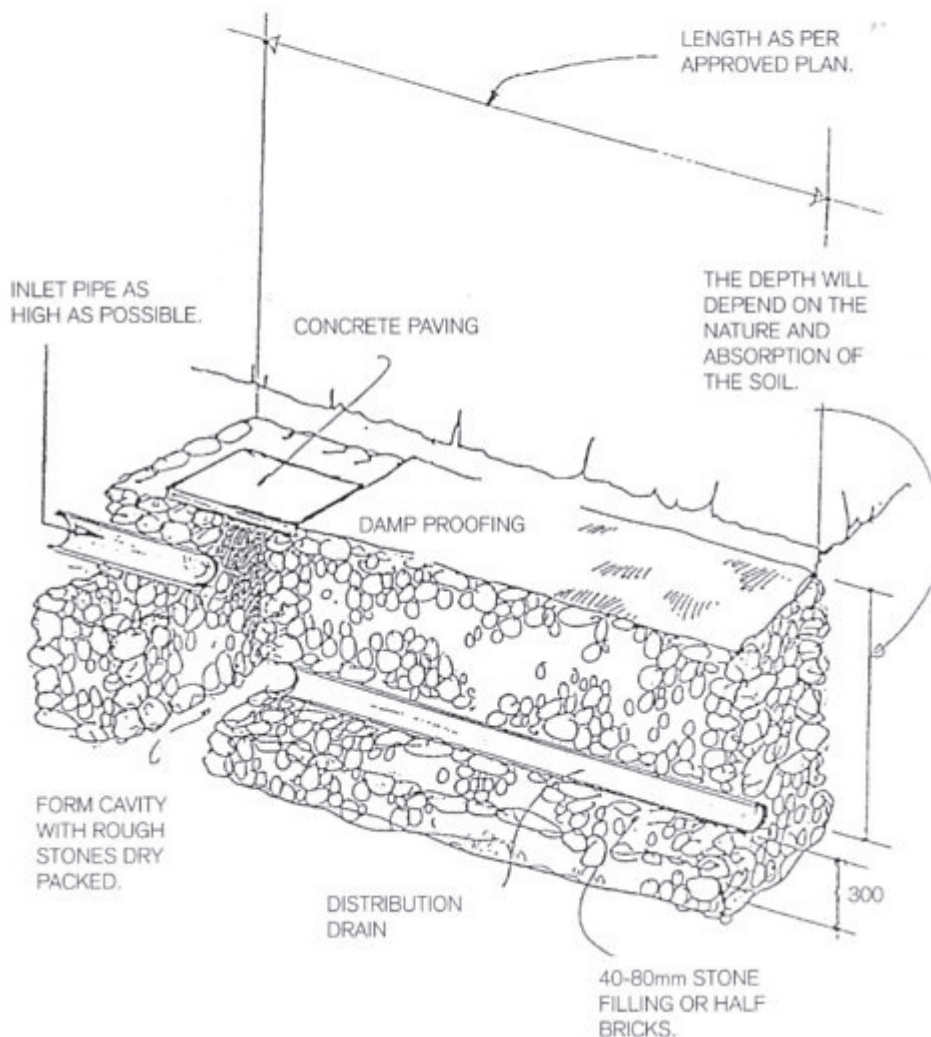


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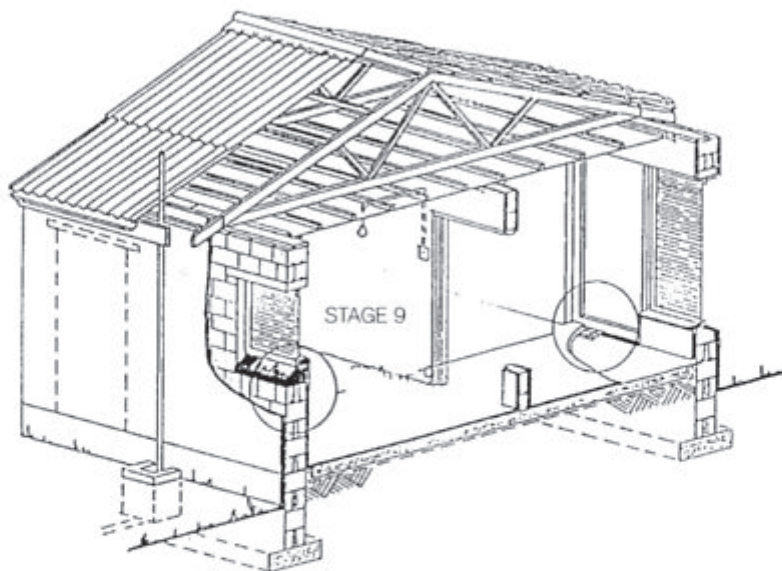


# STAGE 8 : STEP 22C

## Soakaway



# STAGE 9



## STEP 23

MIXING THE PLASTER  
SPRAY AND PLASTER  
LEVEL AND FLOAT  
PLASTERING REVEALS

## STEP 24

PARAPET WALL FLASHING

## STEP 25

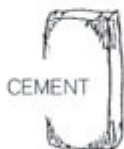
THRESHOLDS

## STEP 26

WINDOWS

# STAGE 9 : STEP 23

## Mixing of plaster



CEMENT

=



25 LITRE DRUM  
MEASURE.

1 BAG = 33 LITRES



SAND

=



MIX THE SAND AND  
CEMENT BEFORE  
ADDING WATER



THE ADDING OF THE  
CORRECT AMOUNT OF  
WATER IS IMPORTANT SO  
AS TO MAKE THE  
PLASTER MIX EASY TO  
USE.



WATER



BUT NOT TOO WET !!



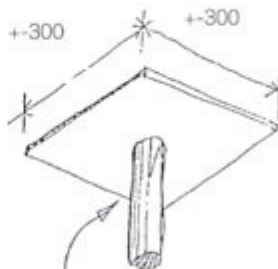
MIX ON A LARGE FLAT BOARD WITH SIDES.

# STAGE 9 : STEP 23

## Spray and Plaster

GREAT SKILL IS NECESSARY TO OBTAIN A GOOD SMOOTH FINISH. IF POSSIBLE ASK AN EXPERIENCED PLASTERER TO HELP YOU.

WET THE WALL THOROUGHLY.

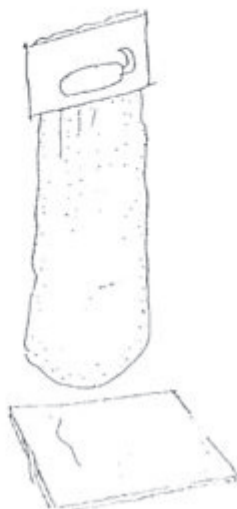


MAKE A HAWK: A SQUARE PIECE OF BOARD WITH A PIECE OF BATTEN 38 X 38 AS A HANDLE.

SCOOP THE PLASTER FROM THE HAWK AND APPLY DIRECTLY TO THE WALL IN A SMOOTH UPWARD SWEEP.



PLASTER SMALL AREAS AT A TIME. A COMPLETE WALL MUST BE PLASTERED IN ONE OPERATION.



# STAGE 9 : STEP 23

## Level and Float



LEVEL THE PLASTER BY PULLING A WOODEN STRAIGHT EDGE OVER THE PLASTERED AREA WITH A SAWING MOVEMENT.

THE PLASTER SHOULD BE 12mm THICK.

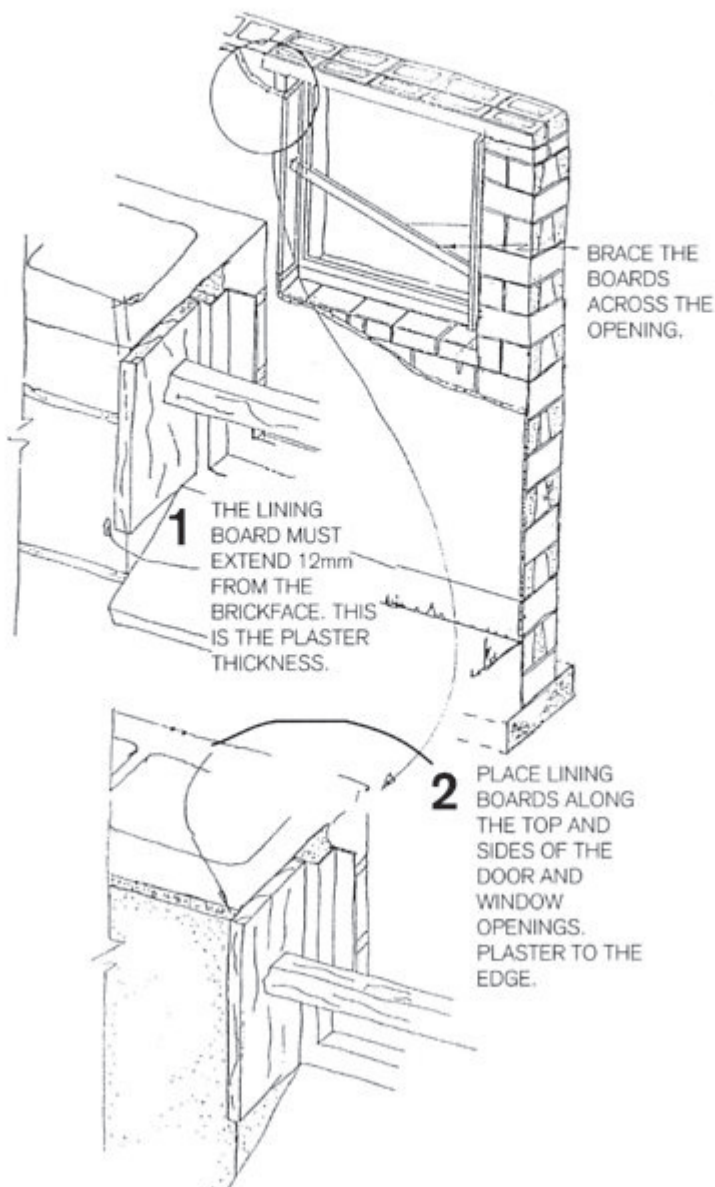
WET THE LEVELLED PLASTER A LITTLE THEN USE A WOOD FLOAT TO SMOOTH THE SURFACE.





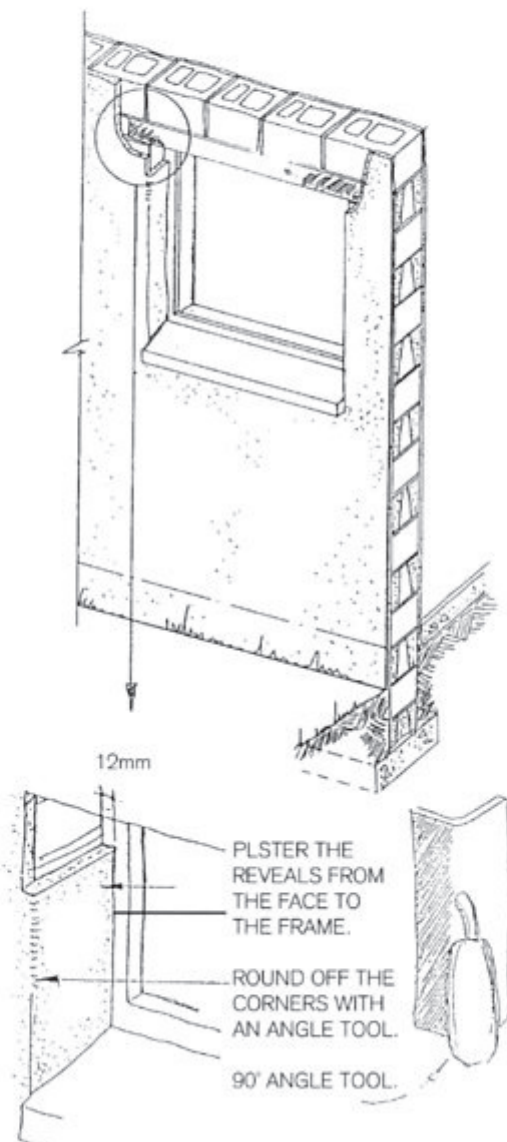
# STAGE 9 : STEP 23

## Plastering Reveals



# STAGE 9 : STEP 23

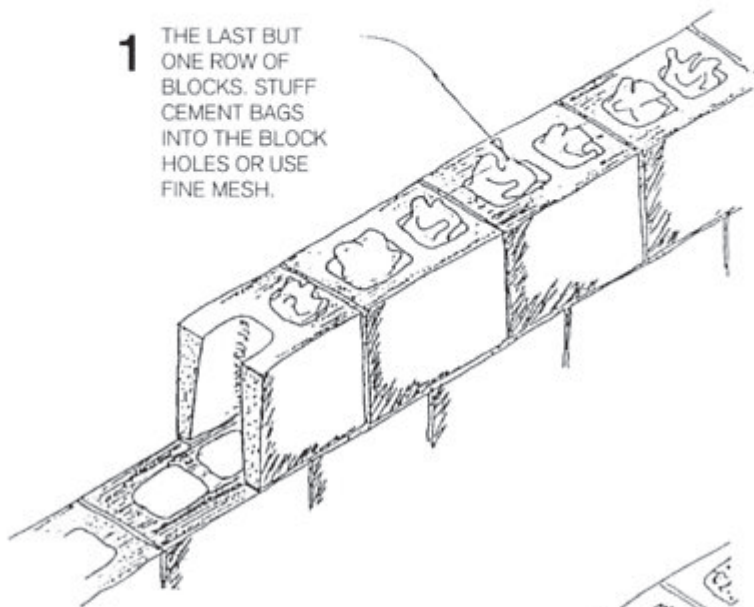
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# STAGE 9 : STEP 24

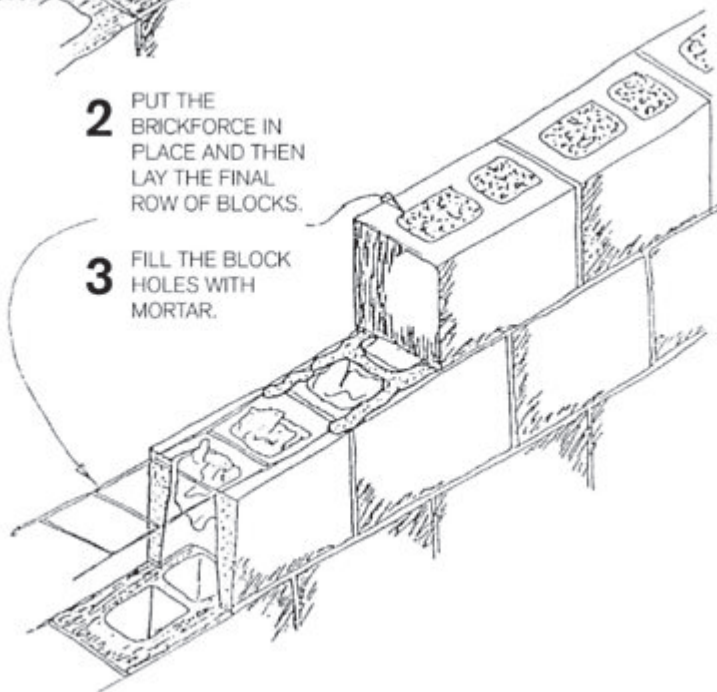
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- 1** THE LAST BUT ONE ROW OF BLOCKS. STUFF CEMENT BAGS INTO THE BLOCK HOLES OR USE FINE MESH.



- 2** PUT THE BRICKFORCE IN PLACE AND THEN LAY THE FINAL ROW OF BLOCKS.

- 3** FILL THE BLOCK HOLES WITH MORTAR.



# STAGE 9 : STEP 24

## Parapet Wall Flashing

WARNING:  
IF THE FLASHING IS NOT DONE  
STRICTLY ACCORDING TO THE  
MANUFACTURERS INSTRUCTIONS,  
YOUR ROOF WILL LEAK !!

HEADWALL APRON  
FLASHING

ROOF SHEETING

80mm MINIMUM FLASHING  
ON FRONT FACE

PLACE THE FLASHING  
PIECE OVER THE APRON  
FLASHING TO THE TOP OF  
THE CORRUGATIONS  
+/-100mm,

THE PLASTER ON TOP OF  
THE PARAPET SHOULD  
SLOPE SLIGHTLY  
TOWARDS THE ROOF.

IT SHOULD BE 40mm  
THICK AT THE FRONT AND  
20mm THICK AT THE BACK.

40mm

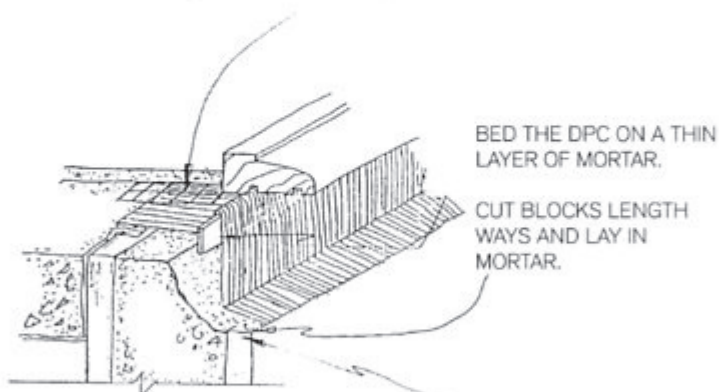
20mm

# STAGE 9 : STEP 25

## Thresholds

LAY REINFORCING MESH OVER THE JOINT BETWEEN THE CONCRETE SLAB AND FOUNDATION WALL DIRECTLY BEHIND THE THRESHOLD.

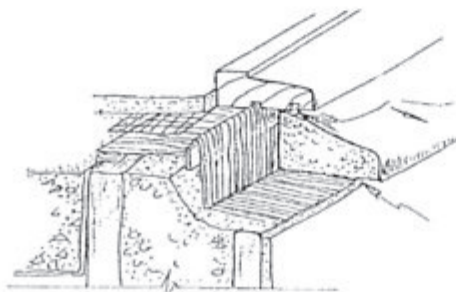
WEATHER BAR



BED THE DPC ON A THIN LAYER OF MORTAR.

CUT BLOCKS LENGTHWAYS AND LAY IN MORTAR.

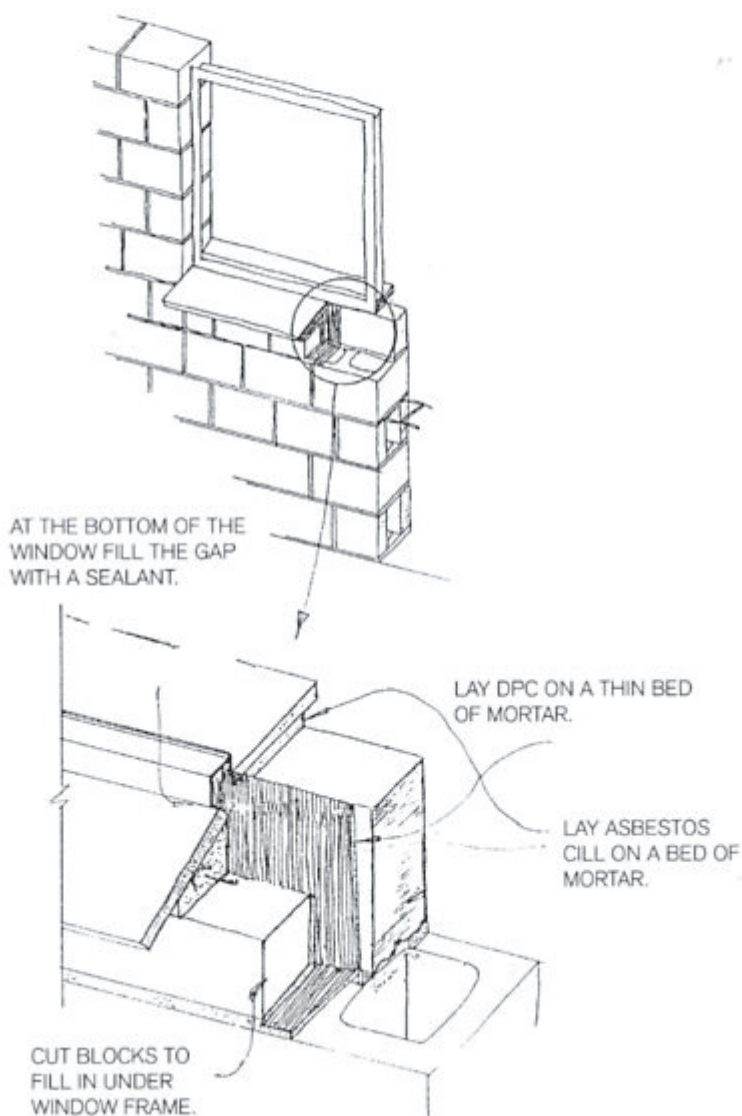
SLOPE KEEP THE GROOVE CLEAN.



PLASTER THE THRESHOLD WITH A SLOPE, LEAVING A GAP BETWEEN THE THRESHOLD AND PLASTER.

# STAGE 9 : STEP 26

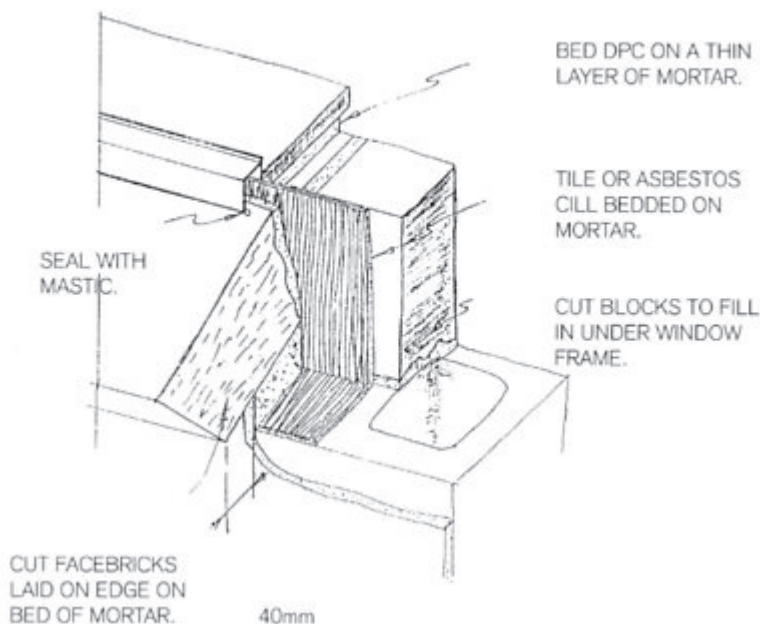
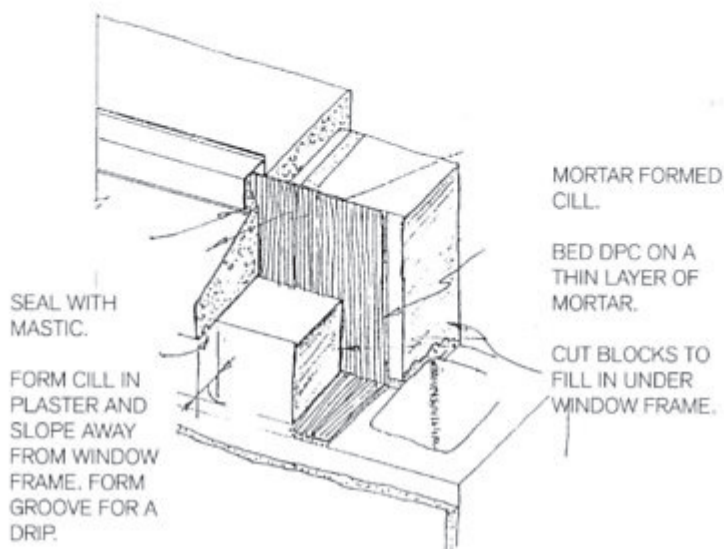
## Steel Window Frames





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## Steel Window Frames



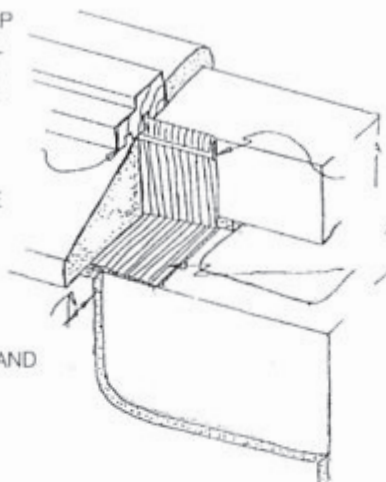
# STAGE 9 : STEP 26

## Wooden Window Sills

LEAVE A SMALL GAP BETWEEN THE CILL AND PLASTER AND KEEP THE GROOVE CLEAN.

FORM CILL IN PLASTER AT SLOPE OUTWARDS.

25mm OVERHAND

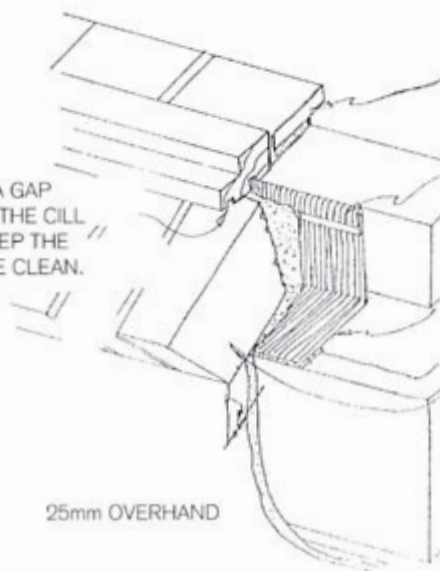


DPC AND WEATHER BAR.

BED DPC ON A THIN BED OF MORTAR.

LEAVE A GAP UNDER THE CILL AND KEEP THE GROOVE CLEAN.

25mm OVERHAND



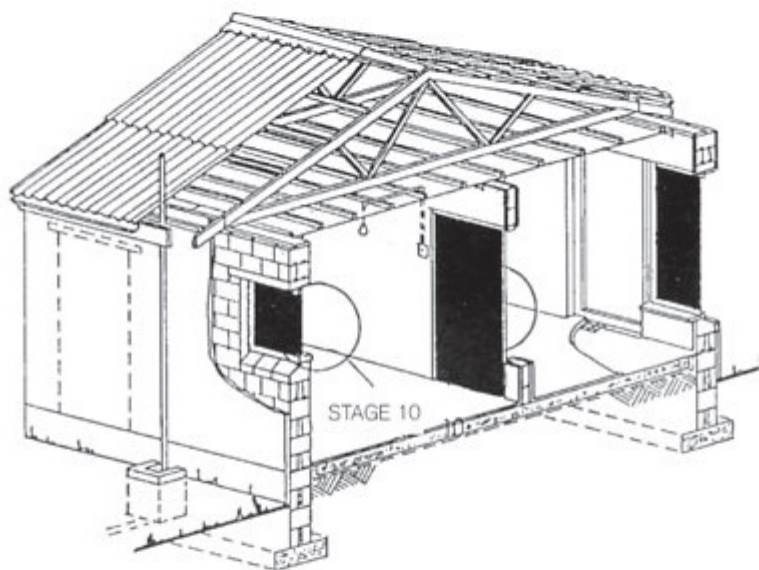
TILE OR ASBESTOS INTERNAL CILL BEDDED ON MORTAR.

DPC AND WEATHER BAR.

DPC LAID ON A THIN BED OF MORTAR.

CUT FACE BRICKS LAID ON EDGE ON A BED OF MORTAR.

# STAGE 10



## STEP 27

GLAZING WINDOWS

## STEP 28

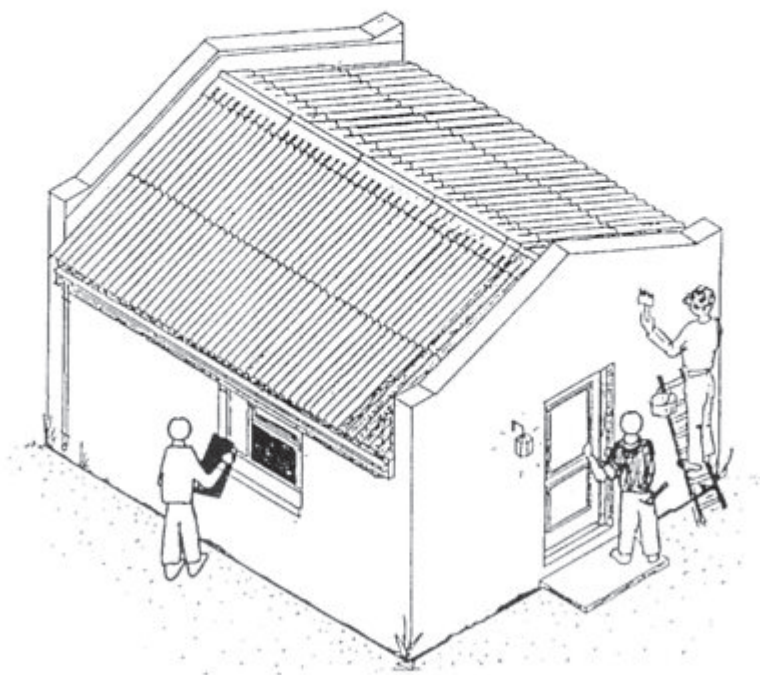
HANGING THE DOORS

## STEP 29

PAINTING THE HOUSE

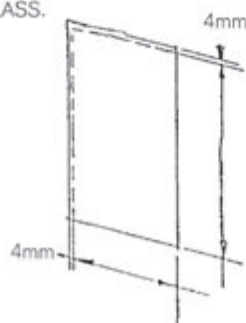
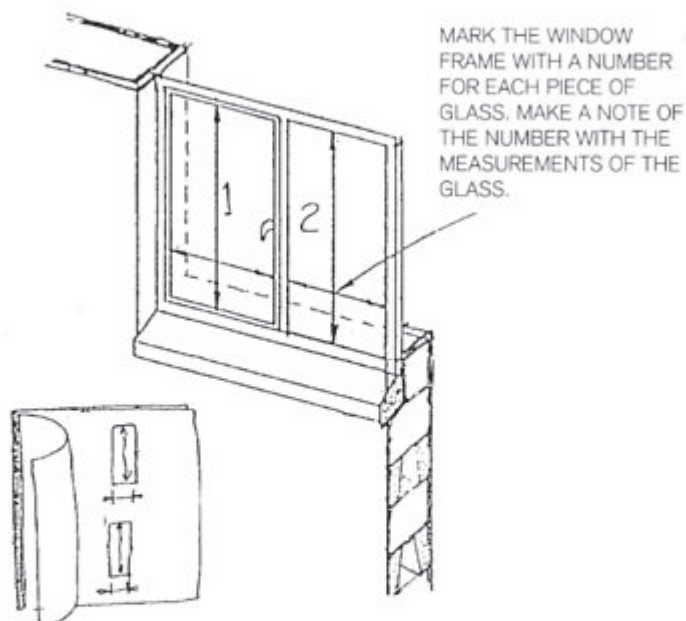
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## Glazing Windows



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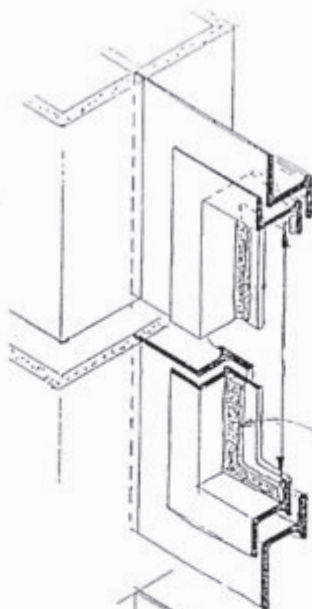
## Glazing Windows



IF YOU ARE CUTTING THE GLASS ALLOW 4mm OFF THE VERTICAL AND OFF THE HORIZONTAL MEASUREMENTS.

# STAGE 10 : STEP 27

## Puttying Windows

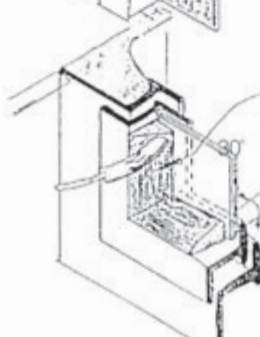


PAINT NON-GALVANISED WINDOW FRAMES WITH A RUST PROOF PRIMER COAT BEFORE GLAZING.

PRESS A THIN LAYER OF SOFTENED PUTTY INTO THE GLASS RECESS.



CAREFULLY PRESS THE GLASS FIRMLY AND EVENLY INTO THE PUTTY ENSURING THAT THE GLASS IS EVENLY POSITIONED IN THE RECESS.

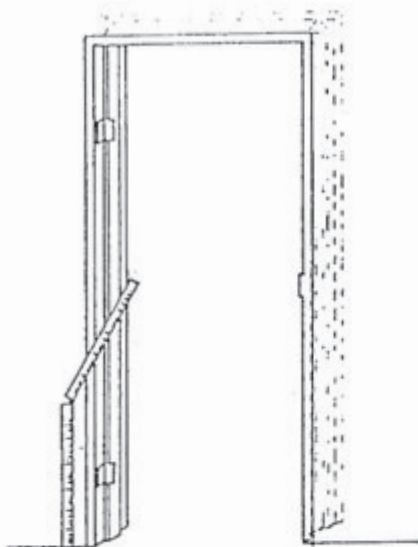


PRESS A THICK LAYER OF PUTTY INTO THE REMAINING RECESS AND THUMB IT FIRMLY INTO PLACE. KNIFE IT SMOOTH TO A 30° SLOPE AND CLEAN OFF EXCESS.



# STAGE 10 : STEP 28

## Hanging the Doors

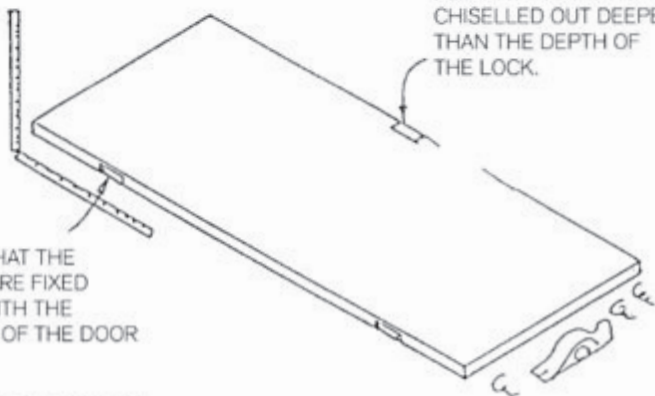


DOUBLE CHECK  
MEASUREMENTS BEFORE  
CUTTING !!

MEASURE THE HINGE  
POSITIONS FROM THE  
FRAME HEAD AND  
TRANSFER THE  
MEASUREMENTS TO THE  
DOOR.

DO THE SAME WITH THE  
STRIKER PLATE AND  
LOCK.

CHECK THAT THE SLOT  
FOR THE LOCK IS NOT  
CHISELLED OUT DEEPER  
THAN THE DEPTH OF  
THE LOCK.



CHECK THAT THE  
HINGES ARE FIXED  
FLUSH WITH THE  
SURFACE OF THE DOOR  
EDGE.

CHECK THE SIZE OF THE  
DOOR IN THE FRAME. IF  
YOU HAVE TO CUT THE  
DOOR, DO SO ON THE  
LOCK SIDE AND AT THE  
BOTTOM OF THE DOOR.

# STAGE 10 : STEP 29

## Painting the House



ROLLER AND TRAY FOR PAINTING LARGE AREAS SUCH AS WALLS AND CEILINGS.



BRUSHES, 100mm AND 50mm: FOR PAINTING SMALL AREAS. THE CORNERS AND FRAMES WHEN USING A ROLLER.



MAKE A WIRE HANDLE FOR A LARGE COFFEE TIN. POUR THE PAINT INTO IT FROM THE BIG DRUM.



TO PREPARE THE SURFACE FOR PAINTING, IT IS IMPORTANT TO USE A MEDIUM TO FINE SANDPAPER.



CLEAN YOUR BRUSHES CAREFULLY. IF YOU HAVE TO CONTINUE WITH THE SAME PAINTWORK THE NEXT DAY, LEAVE YOUR BRUSH IN WATER IN AN UPRIGHT POSITION OVERNIGHT.

# GENERAL PAINTING GUIDE

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Consult the paint supplier and follow his advice using the paint he has supplied to you. If you omit applying the required coats or steps your house will soon look shabby and need repainting.

## WALLS

- Do not paint before all the plaster is quite dry and ensure that there are no damp patches.
- Remove all mortar droppings, dirt, etc.
- Apply one coat of acrylic filler coat and allow to dry completely.
- Apply two coats of acrylic PVA.

## CEILINGS

- Clean the ceiling.
- Apply one coat of acrylic PVA thinned with 20% (1/5) of water or PVA sealer, and allow to dry completely.
- Then apply two coats of acrylic PVA.

## METAL

- Clean off all dirt, grease, etc.
- Apply one coat of red lead primer to steel if it is not galvanised.
- When dry apply one coat of under coat and allow to dry.
- Apply one coat of gloss enamel.

## NATURAL WOOD

- Sand smooth, round edges and wipe clean.
- Apply two coats of wood dressing.

## PAINTED WOOD

- Sand smooth, round edges and wipe clean.
- Apply one coat pink wood primer.
- Apply one coat universal undercoat.
- Apply two coats of acrylic top coat.

## ROOF

### Asbestos Sheets

You can leave it unpainted or:

- Clean the surface and allow to dry.
- Apply two coats of acrylic roof paint.

### Metal Roof Sheets

- Clean the surface and allow to dry.
- Apply one coat calcium plum bate primer.
- Apply two coats of roof paint.

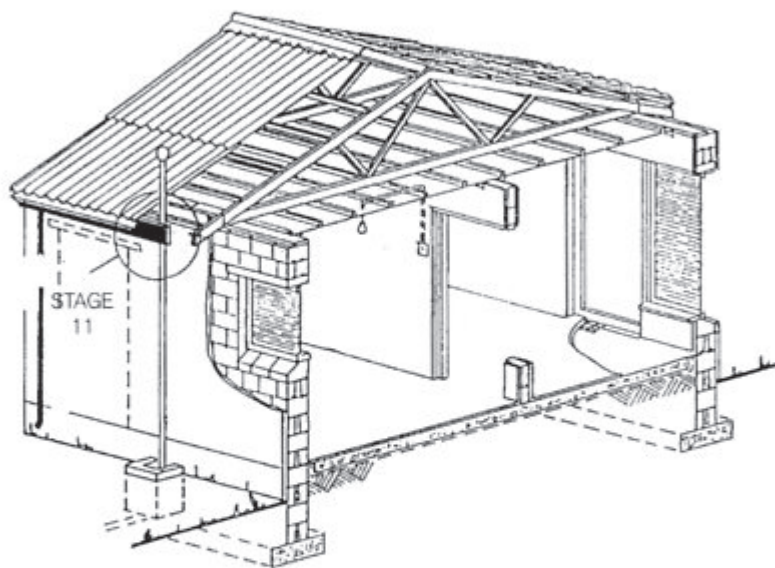
# GENERAL PAINTING GUIDE

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Paint is an important part of building. Not only does it add to the looks, it can improve the durability and reduce moisture penetration through walls. Certain paints may even eliminate the need to plaster.

The choice of a good quality paint is essential. The better paints are more expensive, but in return they will outlast the cheaper ones and you will be more certain of their performance.

# STAGE 11



FASCIAS

EAVES CLOSERS

BARGE BOARDS

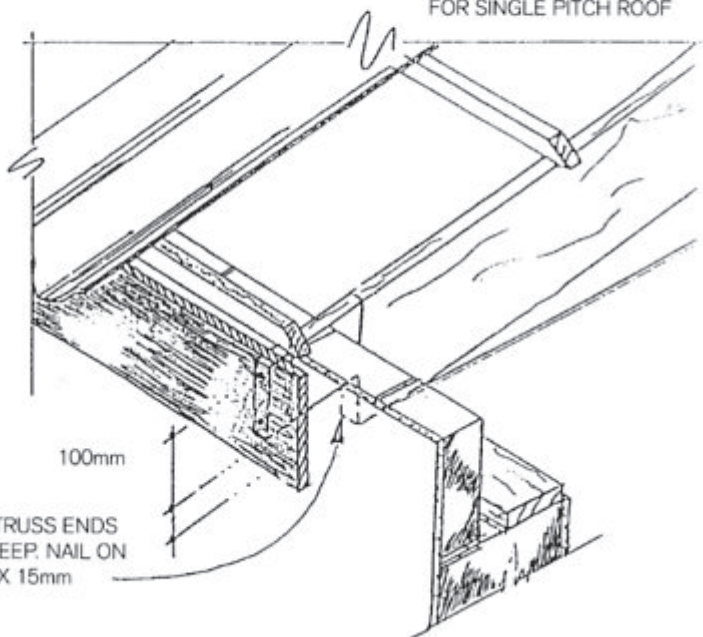
GUTTERS

DOWNPIPES

# STAGE 11

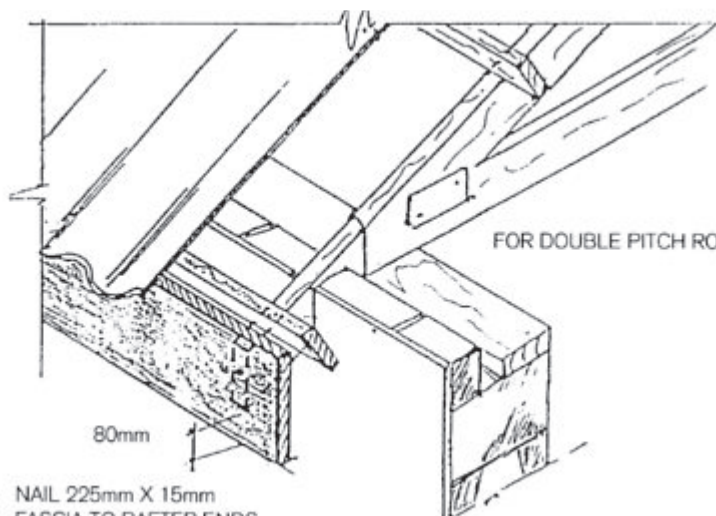
## FASCIAS

FOR SINGLE PITCH ROOF



- 1** CUT DOWN TRUSS ENDS TO 100mm DEEP. NAIL ON THE 225mm X 15mm FASCIA.

FOR DOUBLE PITCH ROOF

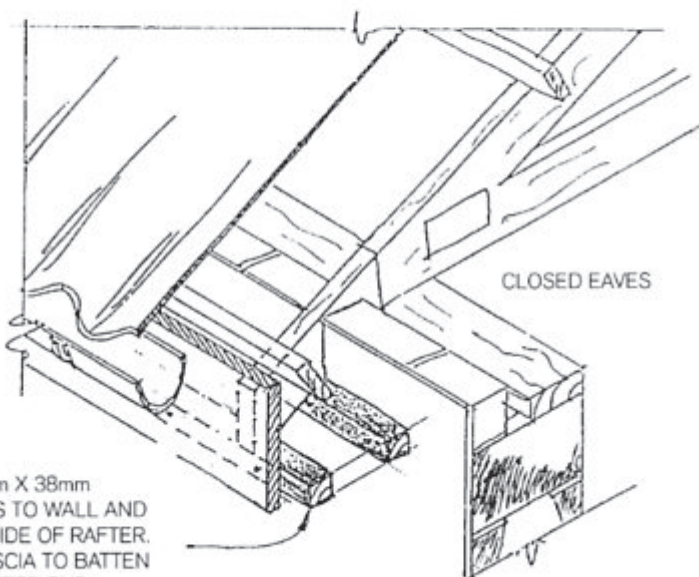


- 2** NAIL 225mm X 15mm FASCIA TO RAFTER ENDS.

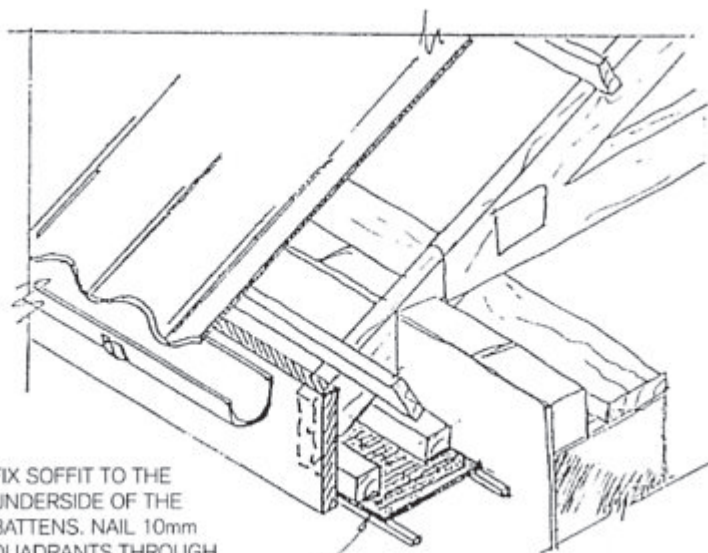


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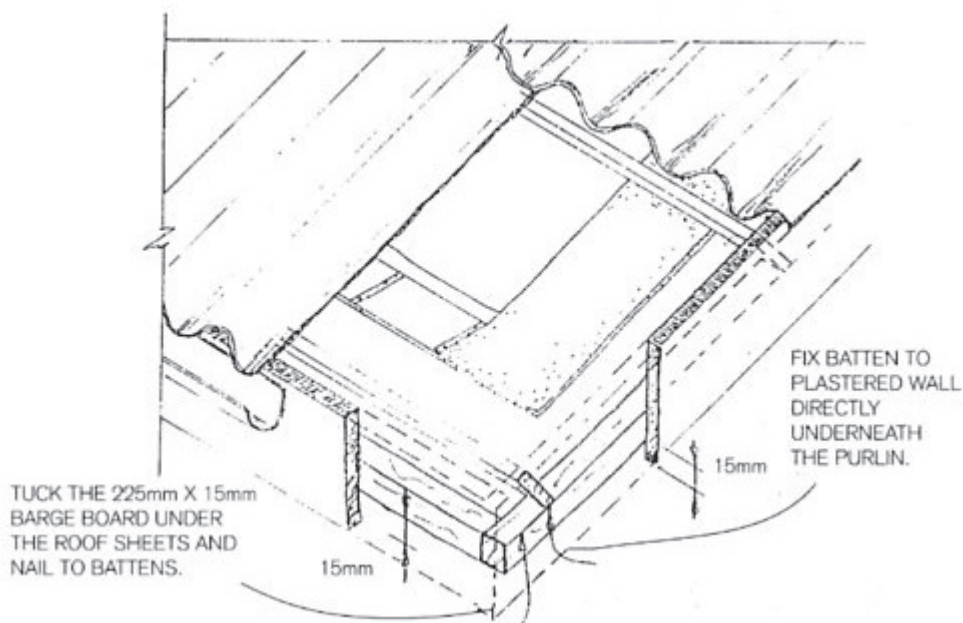
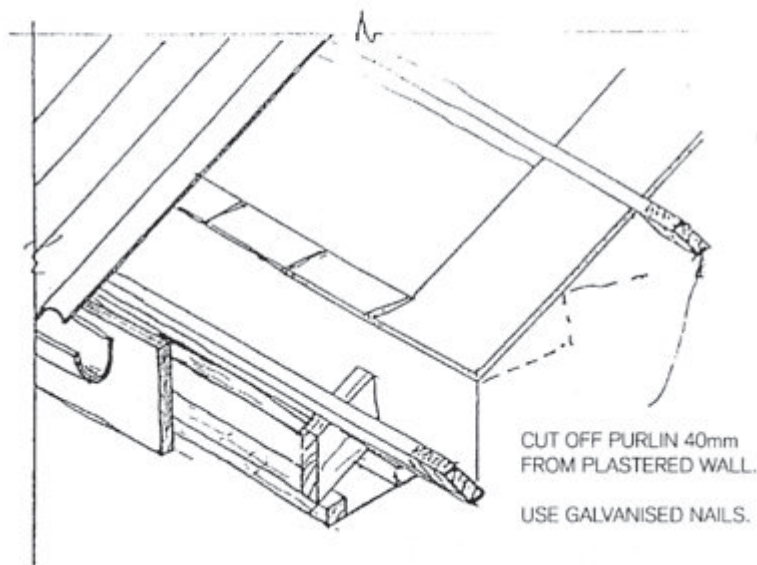
- 2** FIX 38mm X 38mm BATTENS TO WALL AND UNDERSIDE OF RAFTER. NAIL FASCIA TO BATTEN AND RAFTER END.



- 3** FIX SOFFIT TO THE UNDERSIDE OF THE BATTENS. NAIL 10mm QUADRANTS THROUGH SOFFIT INTO BATTENS.

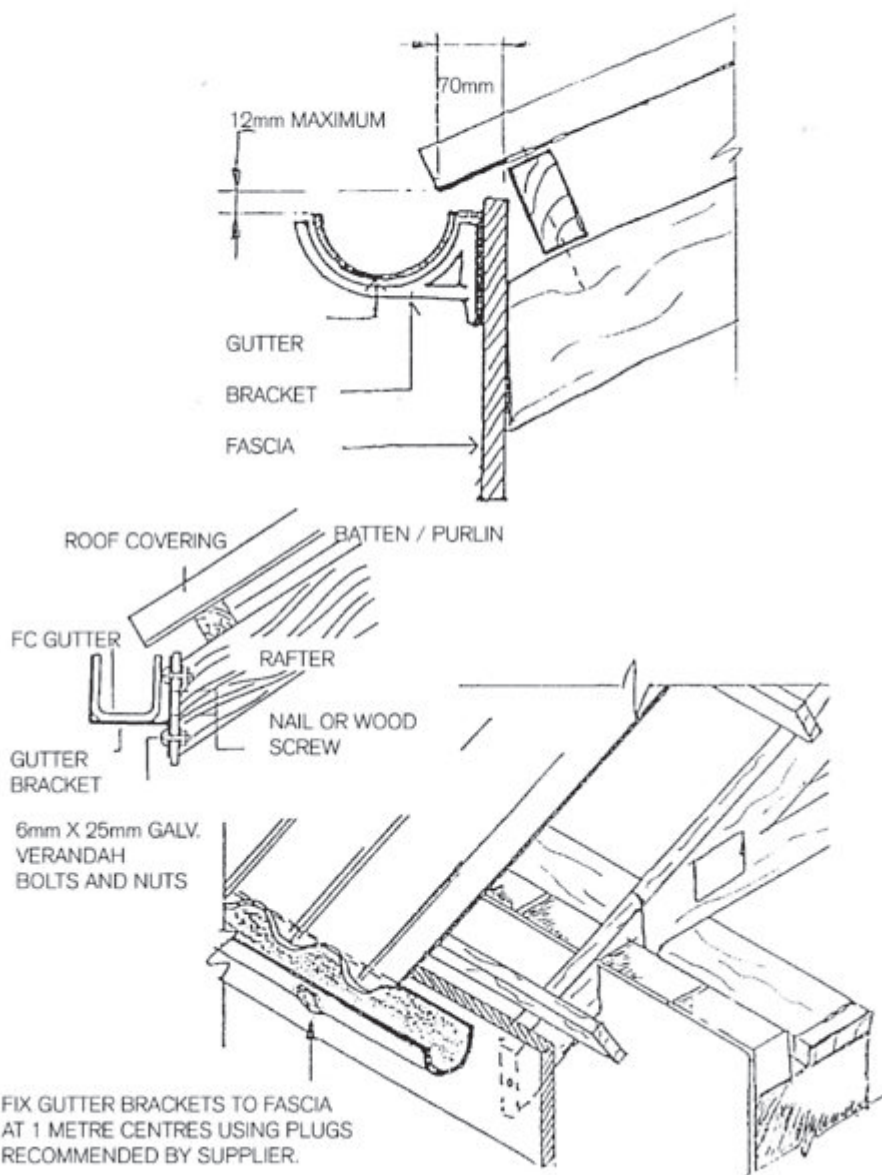
# STAGE 11

## BARGE BOARDS



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## GUTTERS



FIX GUTTER BRACKETS TO FASCIA AT 1 METRE CENTRES USING PLUGS RECOMMENDED BY SUPPLIER.

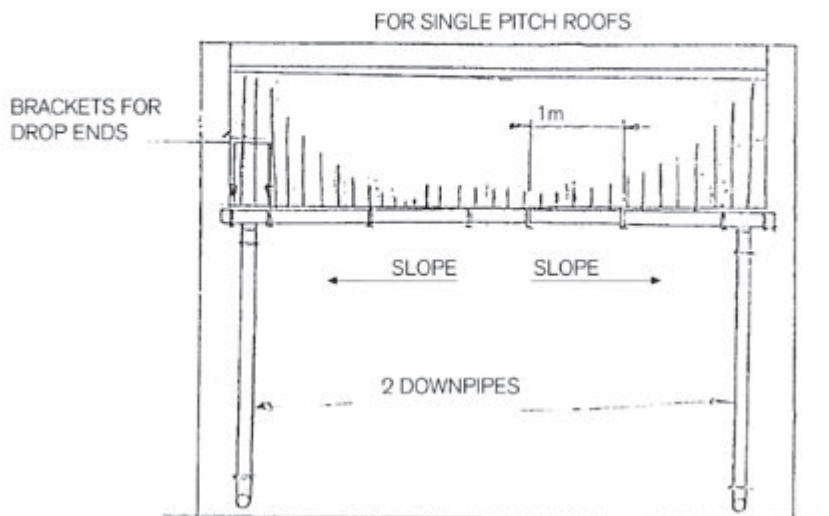
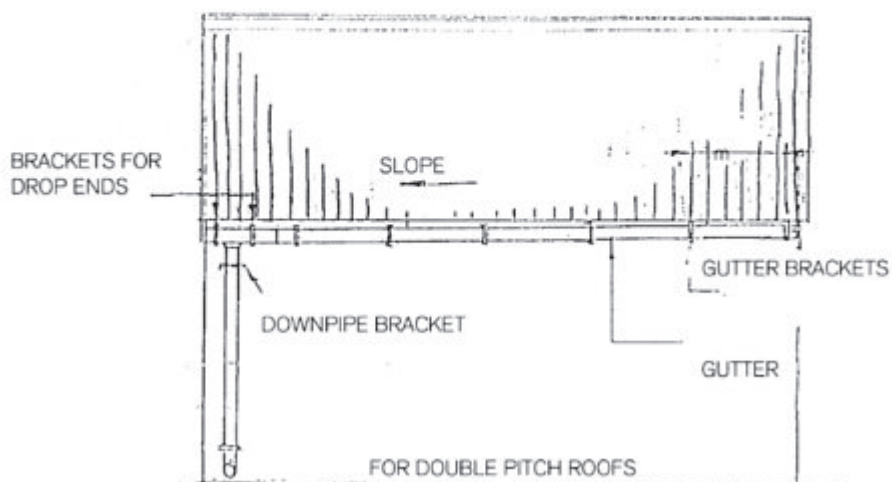
GUTTER MUST SLOPE DOWN TOWARDS THE DOWN PIPES.

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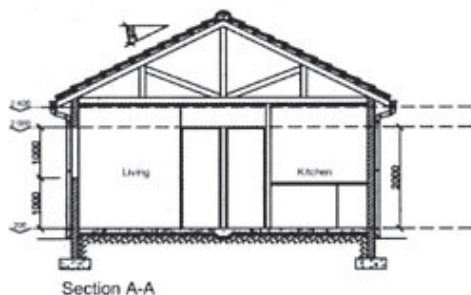
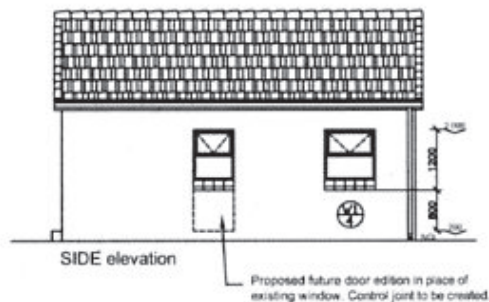
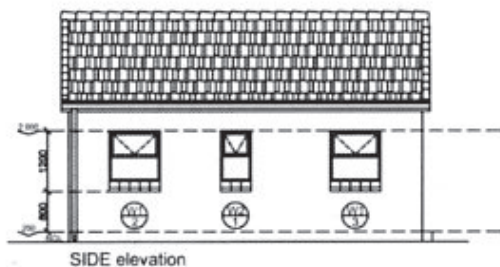
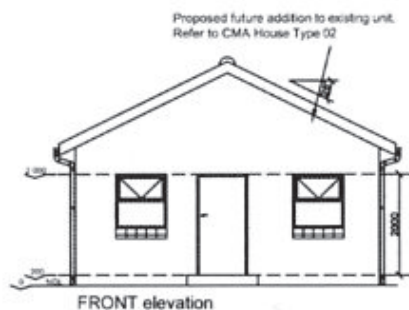
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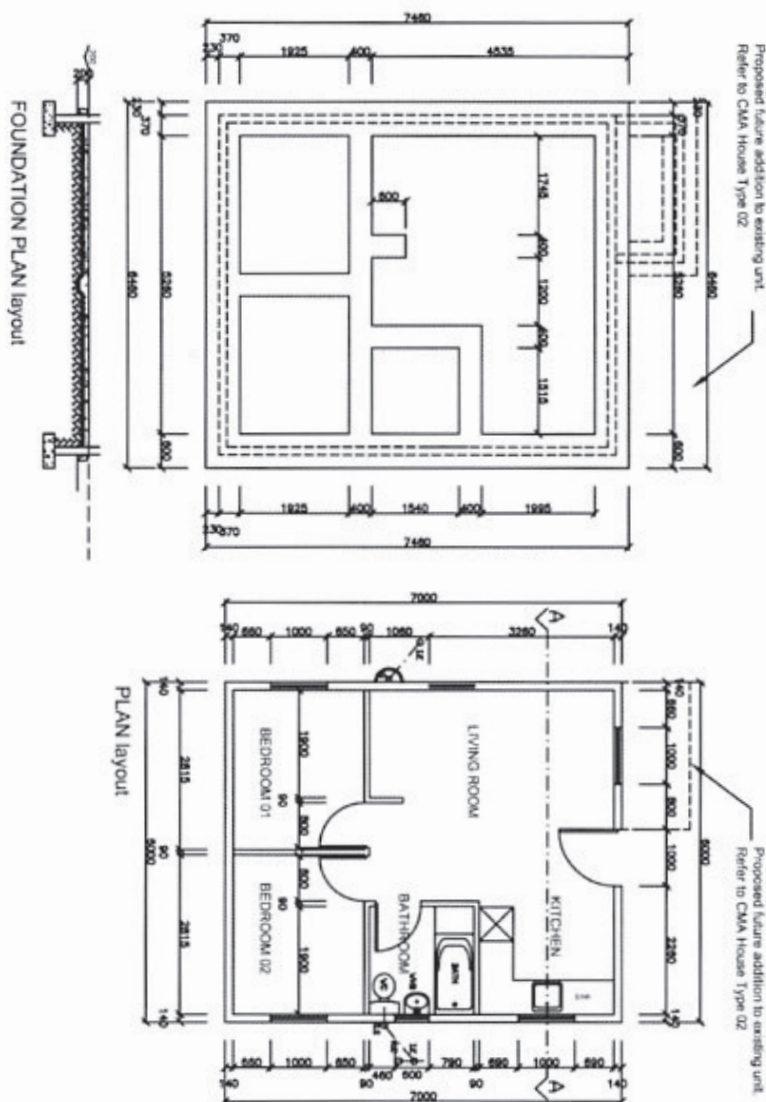
# Type 01 House - 42m<sup>2</sup> - 2 bedroom

## Elevations/section



# Type 01 House - 42m<sup>2</sup> - 2 bedroom

## Plans



House plans are available from Concrete Manufacturers Association at a nominal fee.



## Type 01 House - 42m<sup>2</sup> - 2 bedroom

Materials	Units	Qty	Unit Cost	Total
Walls to be built using either hollow 140mm concrete blocks or Maxi blocks. Quantities are given for both types. <b>For calculating and ordering, you must choose only one (a) or (b)</b>				
<b>a) MASONRY WALLS USING 140MM HOLLOW BLOCKS*</b>				
<b>Foundation Walls:</b>				
- 390 x 190 x 140mm hollow blocks	no.	135		
- 190 x 190 x 140mm hollow blocks	no.	6		
- Cement	bags	7		
- Mortar sand	m <sup>3</sup>	1,2		
<b>Walls:</b>				
- 390 x 190 x 140mm hollow blocks	no.	750		
- 190 x 190 x 140mm (half blocks)	no.	46		
- Corner Blocks	no.	70		
- Cement	bags	5		
- Mortar Sand	m <sup>3</sup>	1,2		
- DPC (140mm wide) 40m roll	no.	1		
- Reinforcement (to reinforce lintel above openings)				
- 10mm dia. mild steel bars	m	34		
- OR -				
<b>b) MASONRY WALLS USING MAXI BLOCKS*</b>				
<b>Foundation Walls:</b>				
- 290 x 90 x 140mm hollow blocks	no.	530		
- Cement	bags	3		
- Mortar Sand	m <sup>3</sup>	1,2		
<b>Walls:</b>				
- 290 x 90 x 140mm hollow blocks	no.	2710		
- cement	bags	3		
- Mortar sand	m <sup>3</sup>	1,2		
- DPC (140mm wide) 40m roll	no.	1		
<b>FLOOR SLAB</b>				
- Sand Filling	m <sup>3</sup>	6		
- 250 micron damp proof plastic sheeting	m <sup>2</sup>	50		
- River Sand	m <sup>3</sup>	4		
- Stone	m <sup>3</sup>	4		
- Cement	bags	18		
<b>DOORS:</b>				
- Steel/Timber door frames 2000 x 1000 x 90 mm	no.	2		
- Steel/Timber door frames 2000 x 800 x 90mm	no.	3		
- External doors	no.	2		
- Internal doors	no.	3		
- Hinges, handles & locks	sets	5		

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<i>Materials</i>	<i>Units</i>	<i>Qty</i>	<i>Unit Cost</i>	<i>Total</i>
<b>WINDOWS:</b>				
- As per Schedule and to include 6mm float glass	5	5		
<b>ROOF TIES:</b>				
- 3mm thick by 30mm wide galvanised mild steel hoop iron	m	30		
<b>ROOF TRUSS:</b>				
- As per accredited factory design system (CMA Roof System) or approved by an engineer or competent person.				
<b>ROOF COVERING:</b>				
- Underlay (30m x 2m)	Roll	1		
- Roof tiles	no.	650		
- Ridge tiles	no.	32		
- Nails (75mm galvanised wire nails)	kg	1		
<b>CEILINGS:</b>				
- 6,4mm ceiling boards (3,0m x 1,2m)	no.	12		
- 75mm cove cornice	m	47		
- Metal cover strips (3,0m)	no.	14		
- Branderling (38mm x 38mm)	m	86		
- 75mm galvanised wire nails	kg	3		
- 32mm galvanised clout nails	kg	3		
- Coverbond	kg	14		
<b>PLASTERING: (External Walls)</b>				
- Skim plaster (6mm thick)	bags	32		
<b>Total Material:</b>				

## Building your home - General notes

The plan on page 110-111 is **House type 01**. House type 02 is a modified version of 01 that will include an additional single bedroom. House type 03 is a larger version of type 02, and House type 04 is designed for a double storey application.

Phase/ House type	Description	Size of this phase/type	Total size
01	Basic structure of starter house	42m <sup>2</sup>	42m <sup>2</sup>
02	Addition of extra bedroom	-	-
03	Semi detached unit	-	-
04	Two storey house	-	-

The house has been designed to comply with the National Building Regulations of the NHBC Standards and Guidelines. A building application must be submitted to your local authority for approval by them before any construction is to be carried out. Before submitting the plan to the municipal building inspector for approval, the following must be completed.

- check with the building inspector regarding the number of copies to be submitted;
- a draughtsman must draw in the site plan showing the drainage details and North point;
- colour in the plans as per the building inspectors requirements.

The quantities given on page 112 are to help you with estimating the cost of material and for ordering purposes. Allowance has been made for breakages and wastage. **Note:** The quantities do not include electrical and plumbing fittings or finishes and paintings.

Depending on the slope of the ground, additional bricks or blocks may be required for the foundation walls. **Note:** For foundations and walling, quantities are given for block work (390 x 140 x 190) and for maxi bricks (290 x 140 x 90). **You must only use one of these types of masonry for calculating cost and ordering.**

Ensure that you use good quality material, preferably dense concrete masonry with the SABS mark.

**The plans show strip footing foundations which are suitable for building a house on good soil. Discuss the foundation requirements with the building inspector. In area's with problem soils, stronger foundations will be necessary.**

Although every endeavour is made to ensure that the plans are correct, the Concrete Manufacturers Association or its members cannot be liable or responsible for the correct construction of the house. House plans are available from Concrete Manufacturers Association at a nominal fee.

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## QUALITY

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Building your houses is most probably the single biggest investment you will ever make. To make sure that the investment will last a lifetime and grow in value, there are two simple rules that you must follow:

- use quality building materials
- follow the correct building procedures.

For quality building material, buy products from a reputable manufacturer, preferably one with the SABS mark. (a list of CMA members is given on the back page of this booklet. These members will stand by their products.)

As far as the correct building procedures are concerned, this booklet details all the steps required to build a good house. Follow the steps and do not take short cuts. If you have a query, write or phone the CMA or its members for advice.

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## BUILDING HINTS

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Masonry units can differ greatly in quality. Density of block units indicate the moisture resistance to rain penetration into particular external walls. The proprietary product SKIM-PLASTER (Agre'ment approved) can greatly enhance the moisture resistance of blocks and mortar. Most low cost housing units are constructed with Modular 140mm wide blocks. Shell bedding of 140mm units has not been proven effective.

In addition to the basic block units (390 L x 140 W x 190 H), the supplier should be able to provide Half Blocks and Corner Blocks (340 L x 140 W x 190 H). One needs only 5 units per meter vertically). For Bond Beams U-Block units (or Ring Beams for tying down roof trusses). 5 units per linear meter are required). (190 L x 190 H x 140 W (or 190 W).

**Mortar:** (1:1:6) i.e. 1 pocket of cement (50kg) : 1 pocket of Builders Lime : 3 slightly heaped standard wheel-barrows of clean sand.

**Plaster:** (same as for mortar but up to 2 pockets of Builders Lime and 4 standard wheel-barrows of clean sand.

**Pointing:** Joints should be pressed after mortar has partially set (1 to 2 hours). Half-round jointing is best for appearance and moisture shedding. Avoid raked and square jointing in external walls.

**Cutting:** Avoid chopping blocks with a bolster, this is untidy and produces waste. Use a carborundum saw on well-soaked blocks and allow to dry before use. Preferably use complimentary blocks if they are available.

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