



What is Masonry?

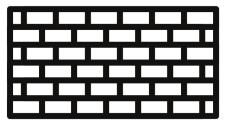
Masonry is the building of structures using materials such as a brick or stone, sometimes held together with mortar.



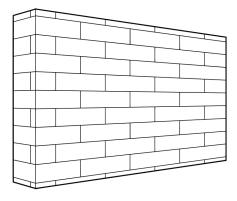
What is mortar? Masons mix sand, lime, and water to create mortar. This binds the masonry together and keeps water and wind out of the building.

Masons repairing old structures have to consider how the mortar was originally made. Mortars can have different thickness, texture, and color. The process of repairing or replacing mortar is called repointing.

When you look at a structure, ask yourself "What's it made of?"

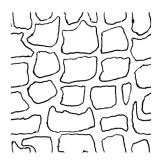


Brick



Concrete blocks

Stone







Look around your neighborhood! Hint: If your neighborhood doesn't have any brick exteriors, look at the foundations and chimneys.