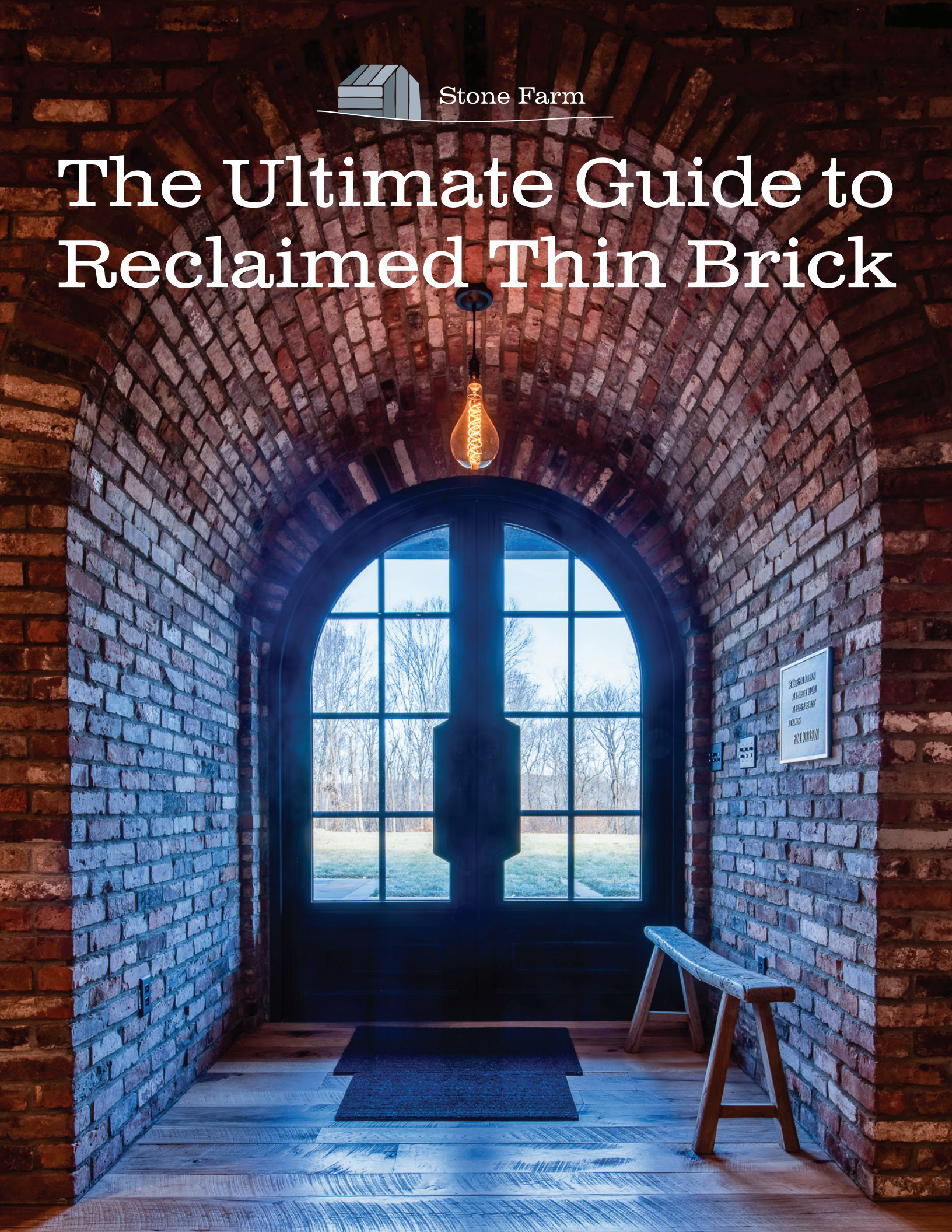


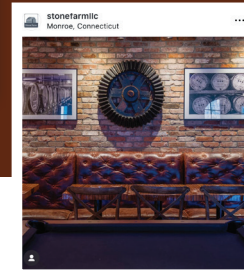
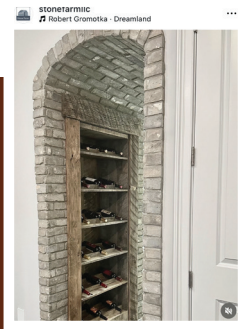
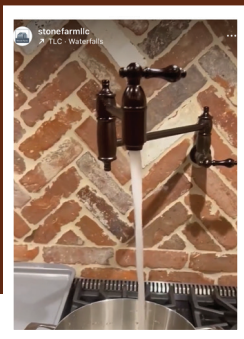


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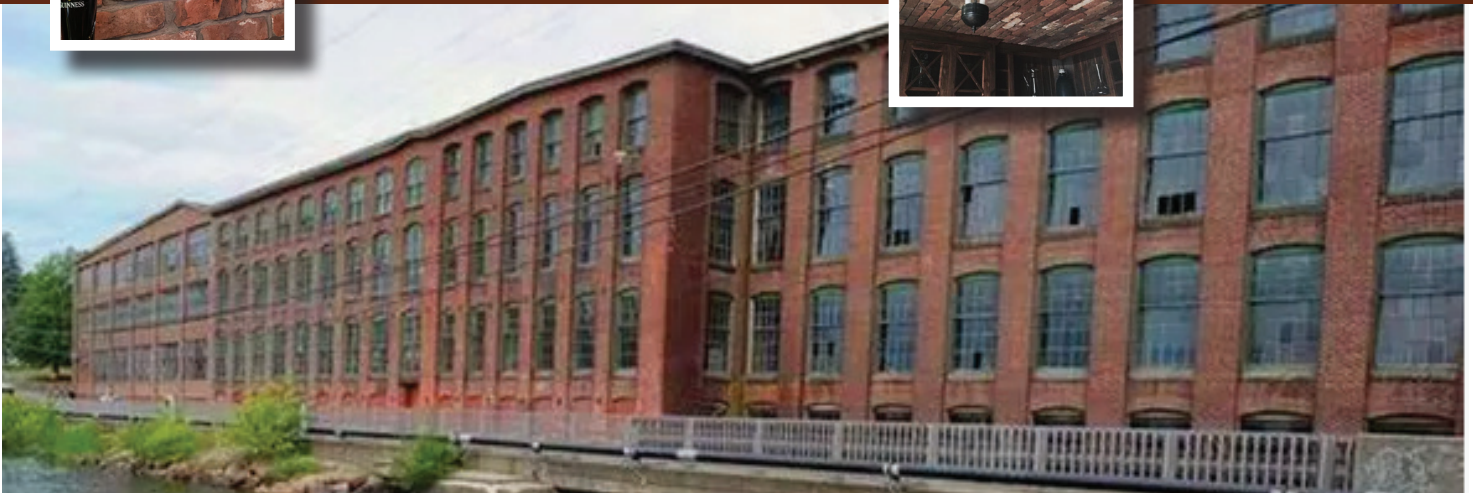
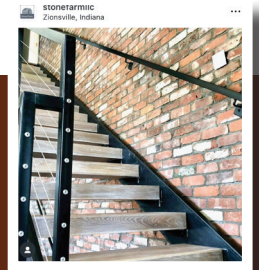
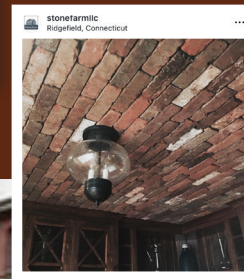
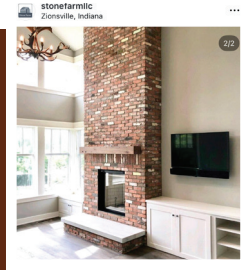
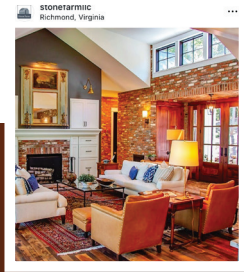
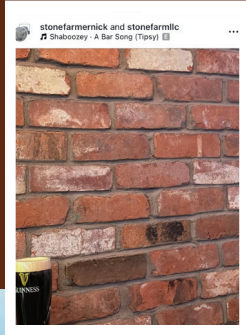
Reclaimed Brick Veneer



The Ultimate Guide to Working With Antique Thin Brick

- Variations & Imperfections
- Application Tips
- Ordering
- Tools & Supplies
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Variations



Stone Farm's antique thin brick veneer is made from reclaimed bricks that we salvage when old brick mills or factory buildings are torn down. We take the bricks, slice off the face to tile thickness and package them for use as wall veneer.



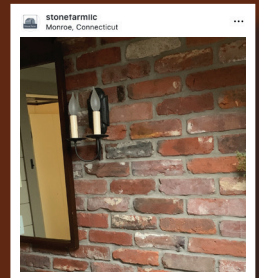
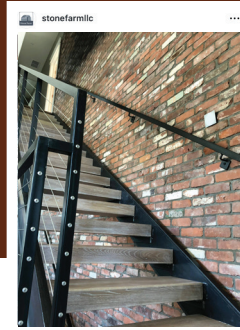
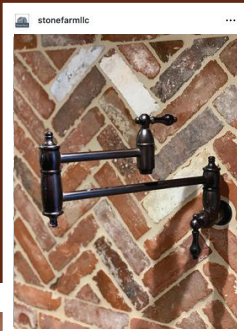
The brick slices have natural variances in size, shape, thickness, color, dark surface soot or leftover white mortar. Chips and wear in the brick contribute to the illusion of a old brick wall.

Putting them all together creates the illusion of an authentic brick wall.



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Perfectly Imperfect



We like to describe our brick as “Perfectly Imperfect” — meaning the chips and irregularities of the veneer gives it character and warmth beyond anything you can get with manufactured brick wall tile.

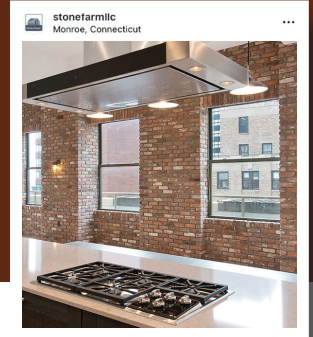
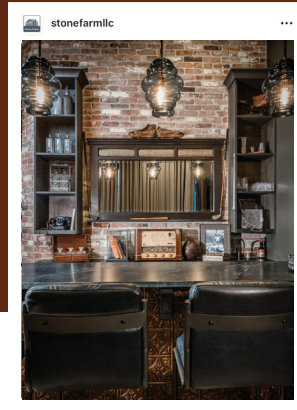
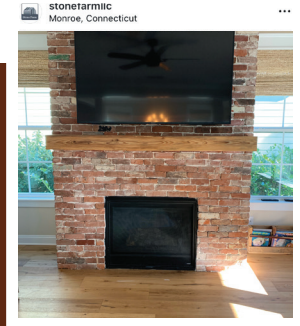
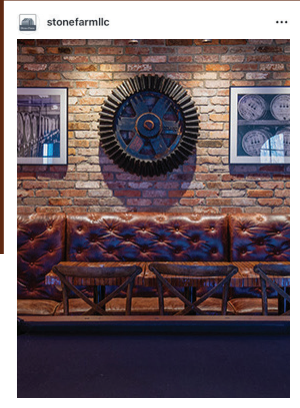
Remember that any chipped or broken brick pieces can be used to fill in at the end of a run where necessary as you stagger brick across a wall. Nothing is wasted!

It's worth the trade-off of requiring a little more care on the installation to get the authentic results that just aren't possible with “brick look” wall panels.



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Light Effects



Keep in mind that how your room is lit will be a factor on how our brick looks in your room. Just as paint colors appear differently in low or bright light, sunlight or dramatic accent lighting will play a part in our your final project appears.

Bright light might even out the overall tones of the brick, while accent lights will play up the dramatic differences in light and dark bricks in your batch.



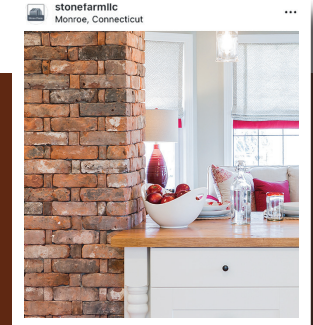
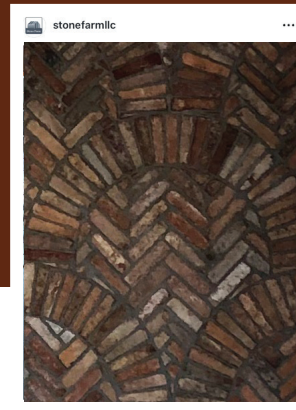
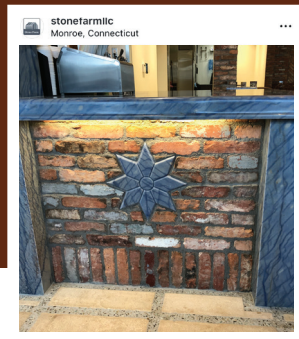
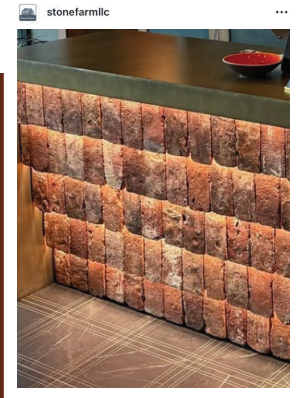
Careful planning in your installation — laying out the bricks before hand to achieve the right balance of dark and light bricks — will also alter the look of your finished project.

We recommend looking at the bricks in the light of your planned project space, separating the bricks into light, dark and neutral tones, and laying them out a few layers at a time to make sure you are achieving a consistent overall look.



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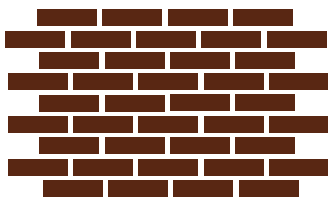
Bond Patterns



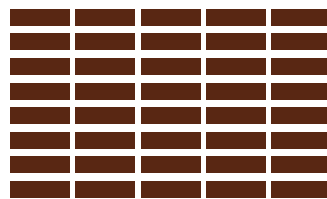
Choosing a bond pattern can also drastically impact the look of your finished project.

In a real brick wall, bond patterns are created by offsetting bricks when stacking them, or orienting the bricks widthwise and lengthwise for structural integrity.

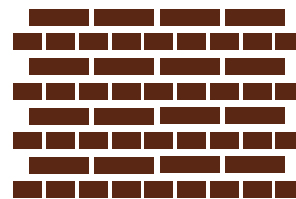
A running bond is a classic brick pattern. A stack bond may look more modern. A Herringbone pattern or English or Flemish bonds add variation and visual interest. Introducing a soldier course, or thin strips also allows you to give decorative emphasis to areas of your project.



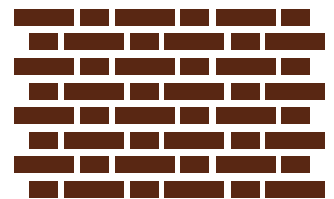
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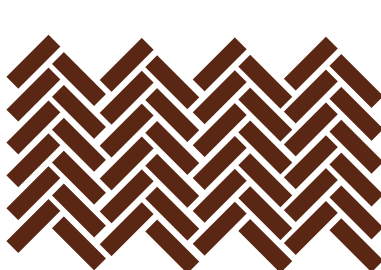
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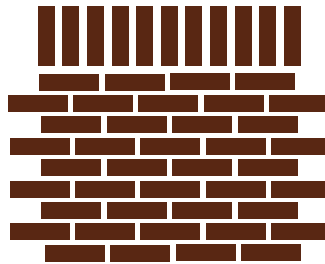
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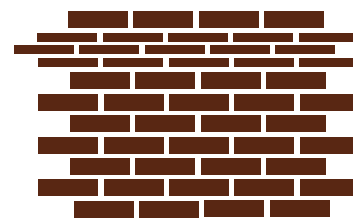
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ORDER 15% MORE



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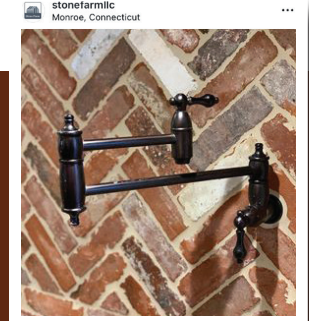


THIN STRIPS



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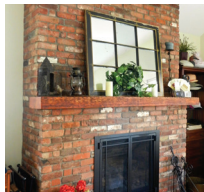
Grouting



How you grout your brick can also change the look of the finished project.

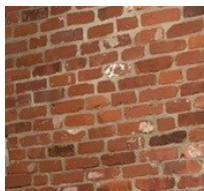
Remember that grout in a brick project like this is actually simulating "mortar" between full bricks in a brick wall, so it's slightly different than grout in a tile wall. We recommend using sanded grout for your brick wall veneer.

There are three factors in grouting:



Grout Color

As you can see above, using white grout vs. darker grout changes the appearance of the bricks. Grout color either lighter or significantly darker than your brick will bring out its beauty.



Grout Depth

Grouting all the way up to the surface of the brick will create a difference appearance than a deeper grout line. Deeper grout will create shadows and more tactile interest in the wall, while shallower grout may look fresher and more even.



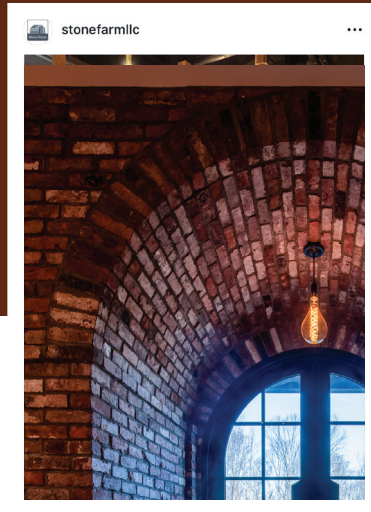
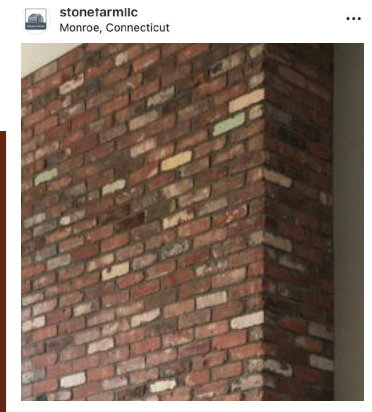
Grout Width

In addition to depth, the width of your grout lines is also an aesthetic choice. Standard width for grouting brick veneer is between 3/8" to 1/2" width. Though not recommended, some "groutless" or "stacked" brick applications have been very effective.



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Corners



Make it look like authentic full brick

When using brick on a fireplace or a wall where the brick is wrapping around a corner, the use of "corner pieces" is essential to creating the illusion of full brick.

To figure out how many corner pieces you will need, measure the length of the edge where you will be using them, and order by lineal inch.

Our corner pieces come with one short side and one long side. Use them in the same orientation to create a border. Flip them upside down and alternate to continue your bond pattern around a corner. The same color variances that apply to brick tiles will apply to corners, so plan accordingly.



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Ordering

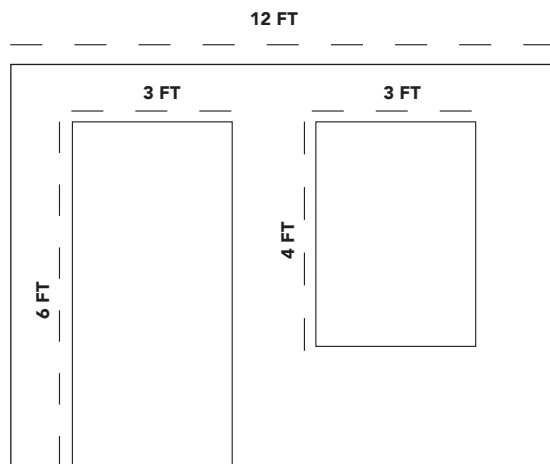
When ordering for your project, we recommend calculating the square footage you will need and adding an additional 15% on for waste.

If you know you have a preference for darker bricks or lighter bricks, order 30% more than your square footage. (We cannot curate the brick by order, so order more if you plan to incorporate more white "mortared" bricks or more dark "sooty" bricks in your design.

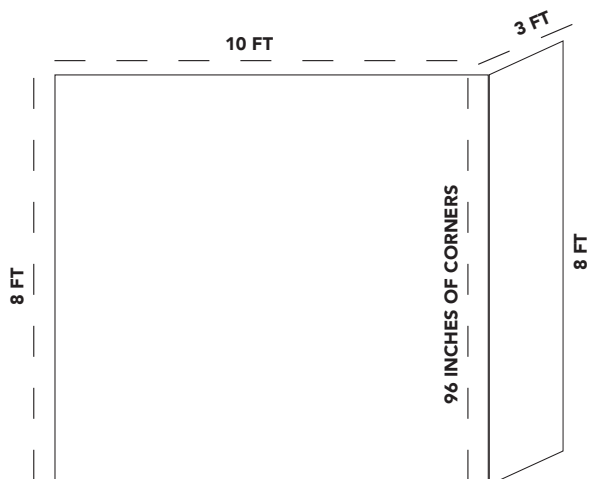
Remember to remove square footage for doors or windows so you don't overbuy. Due to the cost of freight, returns are not accepted.

If measuring in inches, calculate square inches then divide the square inches by 144 to arrive at square footage.

To calculate how many corners you need, measure the linear inches required.

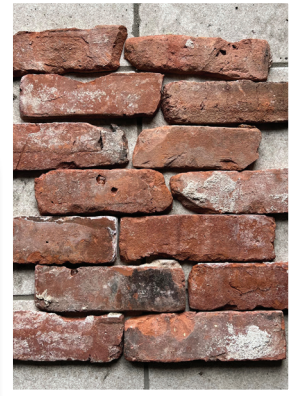
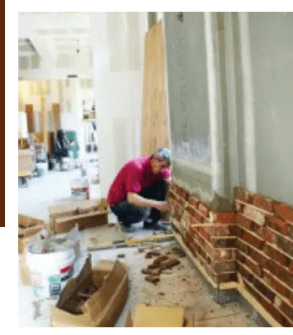
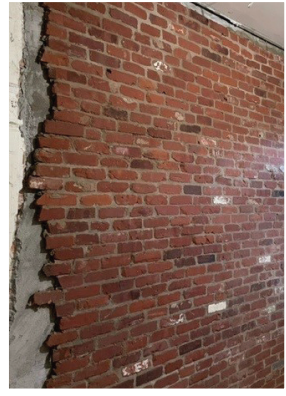


12 FT X 8 FT	=	96 SQ FT
6 FT X 3 FT	=	SUBTRACT 18 SQ FT
4 FT X 3 FT	=	SUBTRACT 12 SQ FT
TOTAL SQUARE FOOTAGE		66 SQ FT
ADD 15% - 10 FT		
TOTAL REQUIRED ORDER		76 SQ FT



10 FT X 8 FT	=	80 SQ FT
3 FT X 8 FT	=	ADD 24 SQ FT
TOTAL SQUARE FOOTAGE		104 SQ FT
ADD 15% - 16 FT		
TOTAL REQUIRED ORDER		120 SQ FT
ADD 96 INCHES (8 FT) OF CORNERS		

Tools & Supplies



TILE TROWEL



GROUT BAG



JOINTING TOOL



GROUT BRUSH

To install thin brick tile you will need:

- Thin Set Mortar
- Sanded Grout
- Tile Trowel
- Grout Bag
- Jointing Tool
- Grout Brush
- Matte Brick Sealant

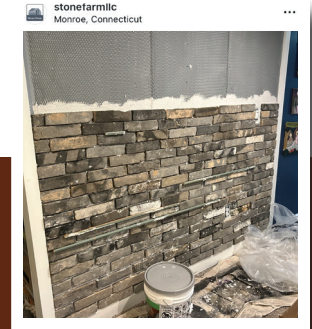
To cut brick, use a tile saw or simply score the brick with a knife at the desired cut mark, then use a chisel to cut the brick to the size you need.

If you want to seal your brick for protection, we recommend a matte sealant to avoid changing the look of the brick.



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Project Preparation



Prepping for your project will make things go quicker and easier.

First, wash your brick.

Remove all your brick from the boxes and wash it using a hose or power washer.

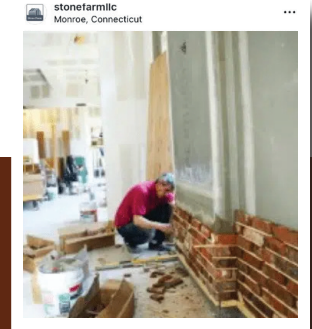
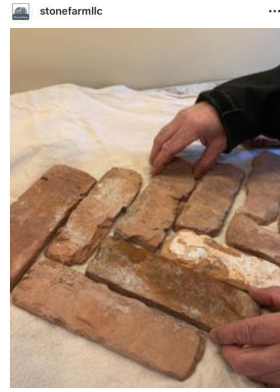
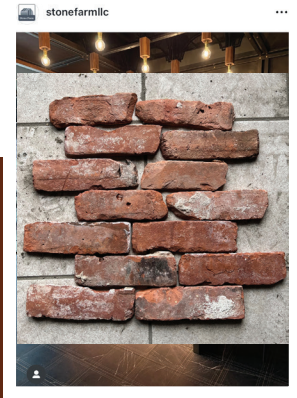
Then, sort your brick.

To seamlessly blend all the variations of your brick, sort your brick before starting your project.

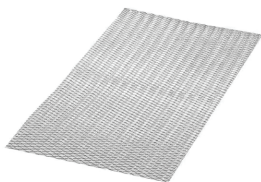
Place any broken brick in one pile for use on ends.

Sort brick by color, darker bricks in one pile, lighter in another; or sort by brick characteristics. Some bricks have interesting chips, shapes, surface markings, or sawn edges.

Surface Preparation



If you are installing the brick on a new wall, use cement board for the wall.



On existing drywall, install metal lath on the wall before adhering your thin brick with thinset mortar.

Then use thinset mortar to adhere the brick in your chosen pattern spacing them appropriately.

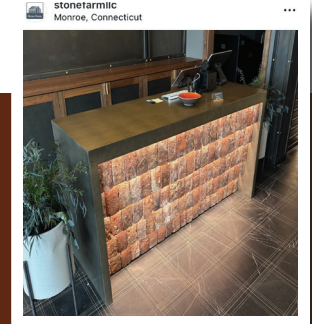
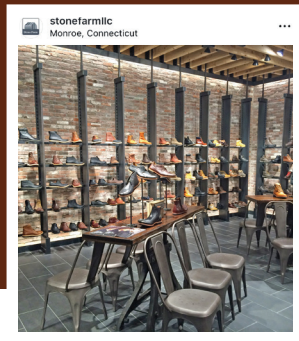
Allow them to set overnight.

Grout with sanded grout of your choice of color using the grout bag, Point your grout to the desired depth using the jointing tool and sweep away any excess grout.



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Finishing & Maintenance



Thin Brick Wall Veneer is relatively low maintenance. If desired, you can seal the brick with a matte brick sealant or you can even paint or white wash the brick.

WHITE WASH RECIPE

- Masonry Lime
- 50/50 mix of water & add mix (polymer bonding agent)
- Sand for texture - not necessary

To clean, use a mixture of white vinegar and water and blot dry with rags or old towels.

Veneer Blends



New England Mill Blend Veneer

Salvaged from old factories, mills, and schools around New England, this blend is an ideal accent material. The color is a mix of deep reds and terracotta oranges found in the Gilded Age brick structures of the Northeast, however, we mix in white tones and blackened "soot stained" pieces as a result of fire damage and natural weathering.



APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS:

Wall Veneer
2.25" x 7-8.25" x .5"
Corner
2.25" x Short Return - 3.75-4.25" x Long Return 7-8.25" x .5"
Floor Tile
4" x 7-8.25" x .5"



Antique Grey Veneer

When our clients began asking about grey brick for their design projects, we went across the world to find our Antique Grey reclaimed thin brick blend. As grey clay is most readily found in the southwest region of China along the banks of the Yangtze River, Stone Farm has partnered with reclamation teams in that area to bring this new product to America.



APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS:

Wall Veneer
2.25" x 7.5-8.5" x .75"
Corner
2.25" x Short Return - 4-4.75" x Long Return 7.5-8.5" x .75"
Floor Tile
Our Grey Blend is not suitable for floor applications



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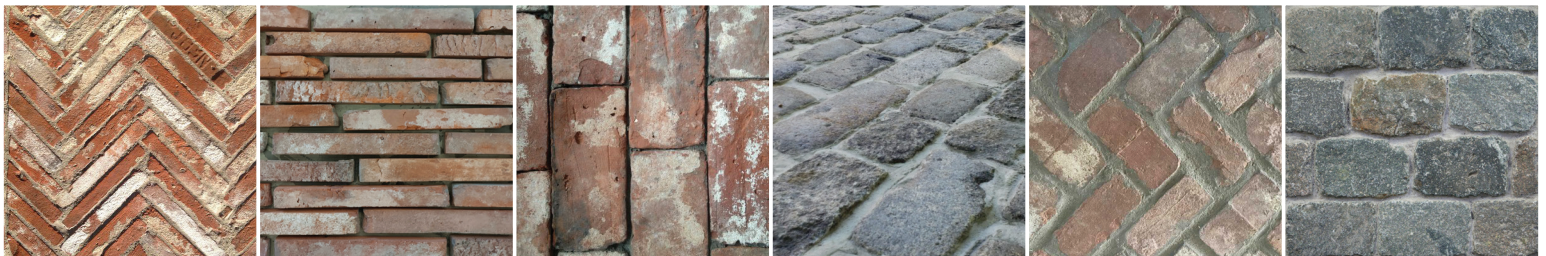
Bringing history into your home with antique thin brick veneer creates unmistakable depth, richness and beauty. We look forward to talking with you about your reclaimed thin brick project and helping to turn your unique vision into reality.

Have a different project in mind?

Ask about our reclaimed Mill Blend thin strips, as well as our exterior reclaimed stone and cobbles.

Or if you're in the area, stop by and see us at our stoneyard in Monroe, Connecticut.

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