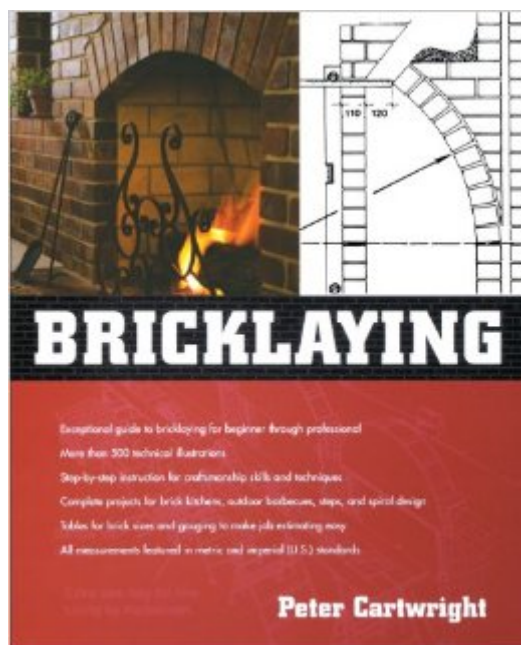


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I checked the book out from the library first to get a feel for it, though the illustrations are good, I found the method of instruction haphazard and very much lacking. In addition the author is Australian and many of the terms used are not US specific. No attempt is made to explain many of the techniques. Go for a time life book, or the following used text "AUDEL'S MASONS AND BUILDERS LIBRARY," by Louis Dezettel (look for volume 2 bricklaying, plastering...) is exceptionally written in regards to detail and very easy to understand.

A disappointment. Confusing, full of obscure terms and "inside" tips that are useless to the do-it-yourselfer. Seems like a book written by an expert for other experts. After purchasing this book I picked up a used Time-Life book on masonry that had more good info in 10 pages than this 320 page turkey.

Buy this book first! Whether you plan on laying up brick and block yourself, or you want to prepare

yourself to deal with a masonry contractor or a property built with masonry, this book is for you. The writing is clear and to the point, and the illustrations are first-rate. I especially liked the author's insights and tips that can only come from someone with A LOT of practical experience. Most other books I've seen deal with garden walls and pathways. Not this one. Structural walls, windows, doorways...it's all here. You may want other supplemental material, but start with this book first. Price is right, too

I purchased this book while purchasing a few other books on Brick & Block Laying.... I saw a few reviews that made me a bit leary about purchasing this however I'm perplexed at any negative review saying it was an Australian Brick Layer & the terms are not relevant?? The Author explains both metric & standard measurements. Such as he says the bed joint should be 3/8" or 10mm. WHAT IS CONFUSING ABOUT THAT! He does have a section on Advanced Masonry! Tons of formulas. Mathematics are thoroughly explained anyone that graduated high school shouldn't have a problem.. simple geometry, algebra. The Advanced Section has information on Arches, Spiral, Curves, Bow Windows the miter cuts for The Sill. The book has project plans for Brick Barbecues, Brick Entertainment Center, Bars, Garden Walls, { Even a Wall with a Dorsal Fin Entrance in the Advanced Section.} I read the book over a 2 day span. I loved it to me this book & masonry skills, Advanced Masonry Skills, Richard Kreh, also available on .com. .Together these are the BEST BOOKS IN BRICK LAYING. I feel everyone will get something from this book from the D,I.Y. home owner to the Professional Brick Mason.. Tips. I highly recommend this book. It was only \$3 . I paid \$4 shipping. Came From The U.K. it came in a plastic bubble wrap envelop. Awesome. The book was used but in like New Condition I was pleased! Arrived in approx 2 weeks. Fast coming from England to the United States.[...] Thanks for reading my review. Additionally if you would more information on books on masonry you can check out my reviews... Just Click on All Reviews By This Person. Take Care. Bill Kearney. :-)

The author begins with "this is how you put mortar on a brick" and then explodes into how to build the Taj Mahal. His enthusiasm for his subject is obvious. If you want to get value out of this book, read a little, then put it down to go lay some brick, and later come back to read more. If you want to know how to lay brick, you will find directions here, but you must have laid brick.

I have not yet put it to the test but have read some of it, and it appears to be a good reference. However, some of the terms used are foreign to me, being American. It also appears to be geared

more to the pro than beginner. I wish it had more basic information.

Some reviews claim this isn't a book for a 'do-it-yourselfer'. This may be true if your abilities to think and to build are of a limited capacity. This book has excellent illustrations and explanations that walk you through many forms of building with brick though simple explanation. I would recommend this to the 'able' 'do-it-yourselfer' and I can imagine there are things professionals could glean from this book as well.

This is not a DIY book, but is an excellent choice for anyone who sees and enjoys bricklaying as an art. There are some great projects included, as well as tips and information to increase any skill level. Well worth the price.

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