

See what's in store for you

4 Position the stencil on the wall. Make sure that it is correctly aligned and press down firmly, ensuring that all parts are firmly stuck to the wall, then spread on the Realistic Brick Compound mixture. Use a pallet knife to leave a smooth even covering. You can then peel away the stencil straightaway to reveal the bricks.

5 Clean the stencil in water and repeat the process; when re-positioning the stencil, you should always overlap a couple of courses of bricks to ensure good alignment and a neat join. Continue until the whole wall is covered, then leave to dry.

During the application process it may be necessary to re-spray the stencil with adhesive occasionally if it starts to lose its tackiness.

When dry the compound can be lightly sanded if necessary to remove any unwanted bits or uneven areas. The finished bricks can then be shaded if you wish to produce a more authentic weathered effect. Finally seal the brick finish using a clear matt varnish.

Distressing

You can create different effects by applying the compound in different ways. For example if the compound is

spread very smoothly and thinly the finished brick effect will appear very neat and even as you would expect to see on a modern building. Alternatively if the compound is spread a little thicker and more unevenly a rougher more rustic effect can be created which would be better suited to an older building. You can also sculpt the compound to create the impression of cracks etc in the wall. Experiment with the many different possible effects.

Weathering

Older walls often consist of many different colours resulting from different coloured bricks, damp, dirt, moss, lichen and weathering. The realistic brick compound finish can easily be shaded to reproduce these effects if desired using acrylic paints (this should be done before sealing with a clear matt varnish). It's a good idea to study brick walls in the real world for ideas. ■



DETAILS

All materials used are available from Bromley Craft Products. They also offer a wide range of other products including roof tiles, lead flashing, floorboards, DIY, decorating, lighting, furniture and accessories.

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