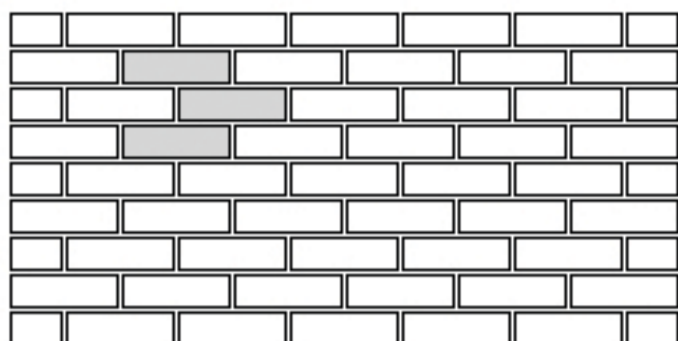
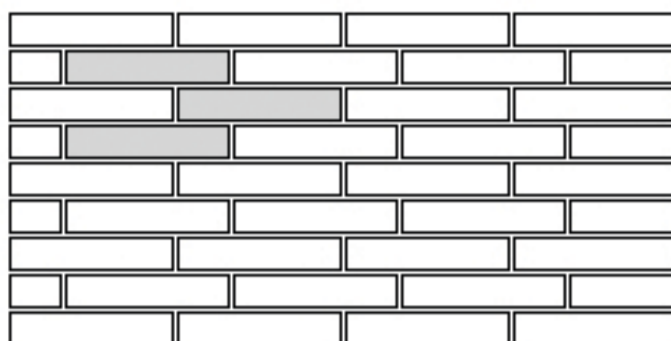


# Bond Patterns

There are five commonly used bond patterns - Running Bond, Common Bond, English Bond, Flemish Bond and Stack Bond as illustrated on this page.

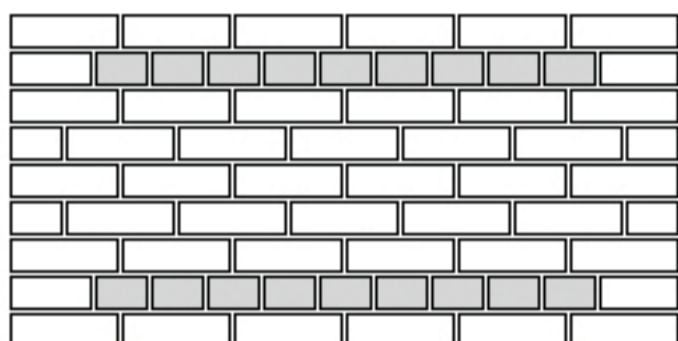


Running Bond

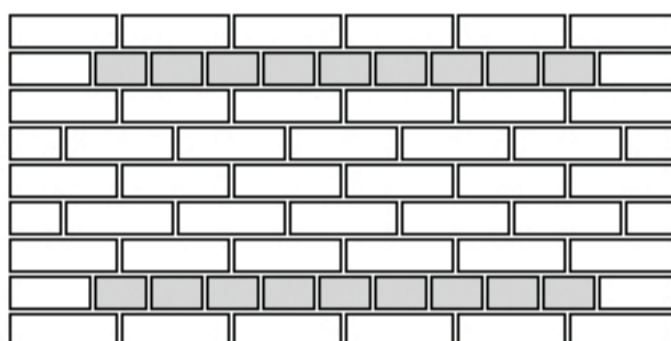


Running Bond

The most common and simplest of patterns is the Running Bond. This pattern consists of all stretchers. The vertical mortar joints between stretchers line up vertically.

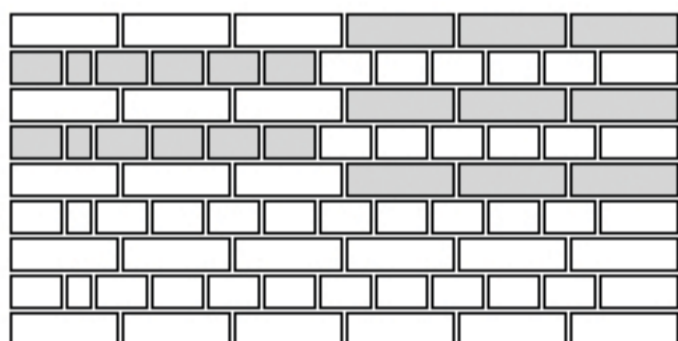


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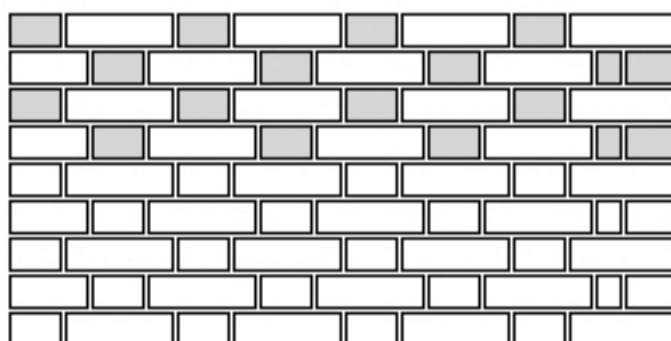


Common Bond

The Common Bond also referred to as American Bond is a variation of the Running Bond Patterns with a course of full headers at regular intervals. These intervals may be every fourth, fifth, or sixth course. It may vary even more by using a Flemish Header course. Three-quarters of a brick must be used at the corner of each header course.

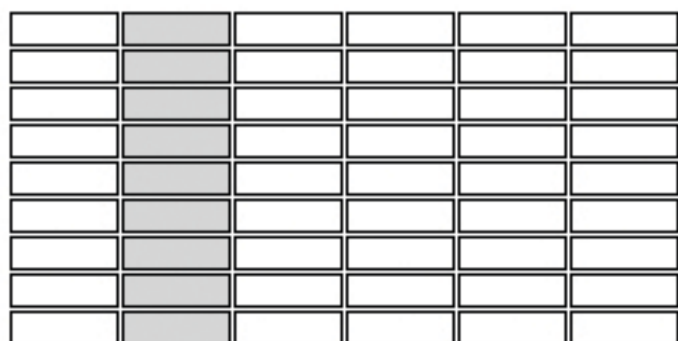


English Bond



Flemish Bond

English Bond consists of alternate courses of headers and stretchers with the headers centered on the stretchers and the mortar joints between the stretchers. The Flemish Bond consists of alternate headers and stretchers with the headers centered over the stretchers in the intervening courses. The English Corner requires a quarter brick closure placed in from the corner. This closure should never be placed at the corner. The Dutch Corner requires a three-quarter brick closure.



Stack Bond

Patterns may be further enhanced by projecting or recessing certain brick from the plane of the wall. Also with variations in brick colour, and texture, and types of mortar joints an almost unlimited number of patterns can be developed.

Note: It is important that the corners be started correctly when laying out any bond pattern.