

BRICK BONDS

Who knew there was a name for the horizontal patterns in which bricks are laid? They are called bonds and there are five main ones.

Stretcher – the most common bond, where bricks are placed with their side showing, beginning halfway along those above and below (pictured above & right).

English bond – bricks are laid in alternating layers of headers (where the end of the brick is showing) and stretchers (a brick laid so that its side is showing). One header is placed centrally above each stretcher.

Flemish bond – headers and stretchers are laid alternatively in each layer of bricks. Each header is placed centrally between the stretchers immediately above and below.

Common bond – a repetitive pattern of six rows made up of five rows of stretchers, one row of headers.

Stacker bond – stretchers, stacked one on top of the other.



Top Dark bricks with lighter furnishings create a dramatic and contemporary feel Above inset Bricks laid creatively are a feature in their own right Left The thermal qualities of brick are ideal for living spaces

