

Paint, Weather & Add Mortar to Brick

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We decided to stop promoting our brick mortar lines using Dullcoat technique.

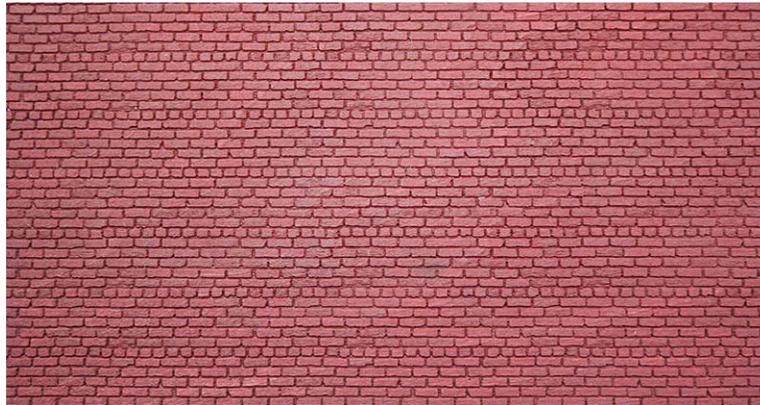
The Dullcoat seems to have had its formula changed; it's tougher to get consistent mortar lines. Follow along on the next page to learn our new technique.

Painting / Weathering / Mortar Lines

Materials Needed:

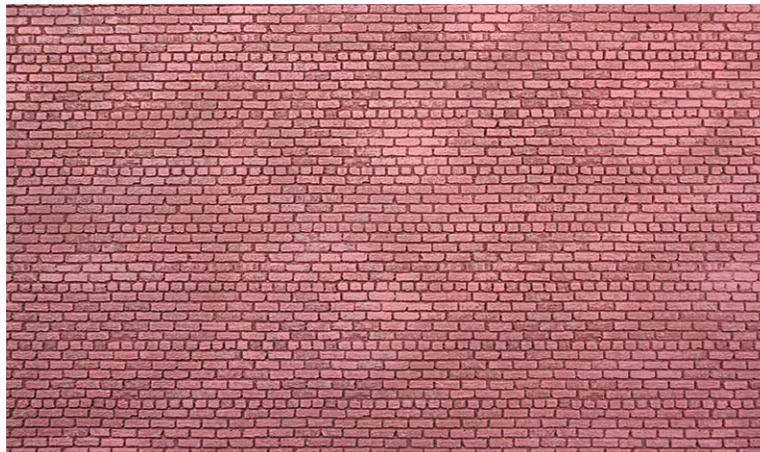
- 99% Isopropyl Alcohol (91% will work)
- Bragdon's Weathering Powders
 - o Lime White Mortar
- Acrylic Paints
 - o Brick Color (We used a Craft Store Paint Called Brick Red)
 - o Light Red Color (We used a Craft Store Paint Called Adobe Red)
 - o Rust Colors
 - o Weathered Black Color
- Multiple size brushes

Once your building is assembled, we recommend two coats of your main brick color. This can be any color brick that your project requires. Apply the second coat after the first coat is dry.



Using the lighter brick color, dry brush the lighter brick color over the darker main brick color; Heavier in some places lighter in others, not every where needs to be covered.

This will give the appearance of an older brick.



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Now you can leave it as is and apply the mortar lines or you can paint some individual bricks using a light rust color and some bricks with a weathered black color. See photo below.

You can still paint with weathering powders; we use Bragdon's Used Brick as our main brick color, applied with 99% alcohol. Once dry remove excess powder with a stiff brush and seal with hairspray or some clear sealer, not Dullcoat.

Applying the Mortar Lines

Take a small cup and pour some 99% Rubbing Alcohol, less than 2 ounces.

Add a little of Bragdon's Lime White Mortar weathering powder to the alcohol. Then mix with the alcohol, you are looking for a thin milky mixture. **Test it first on a small area.**

You are making a thin wash. It is better to go light and apply two coats of mortar wash, removing what you don't want is not easy.

Apply the mortar wash with a soft brush, we dab it on no need to brush.

Give the entire side one coat and then dry with a hair dryer. The mortar lines will start to appear. Finish all sides of your project with one coat before adding more mortar.

If needed apply a second coat to the wall, either in full or just the parts that need more mortar.

Here are some finished examples

