



PastelCote®

PastelCote® is a masonry finishing system consisting of a unique, textured face brick (PastelBrik®) and an acrylic masonry coating referred to as the PastelCote® finishing mix). The finishing mix is applied by brush or roller over the brick and mortar joints once the brick is installed resulting in a monolithic wall with deep indented texture and a sanded, matte finish.

- Specify this product only when provisions have been made for full dimension brick veneer that include a brick ledge or footer, wall ties, flashing, weeps, etc. per local or international building code.
- Specify this product when masonry is required by local ordinance but the monolithic look of painted EIFS or siding is desired.
- Specify the coating application for above grade only.
- Do not specify PastelBrik® installation with the applied coating in areas subjected to pedestrian traffic (step treads, porches, sidewalks) or unprotected horizontal surfaces (wall caps, seating areas, etc.).

Part 1: General

Submittals

- Product Data: Submit technical information and installation instructions for materials required. Refer to the:
 - PastelCote® product brochure,
 - PastelCote® Application Guide,
 - PastelCote® Finishing Mix Material Safety Data Sheet.
- Samples: Submit for review a sample of PastelBrik® texture and finishing mix color. Samples available are the:
 - Color sample key panel featuring all of the current standard colors applied to half-brick facings,
 - Large sample panel featuring PastelBrik® bonded with flush mortar joints, and coated with one of the standard finishing mix colors,
 - One quart sample of standard color finishing mix for application to job site mock-up.
 - One quart sample of custom color finishing mix for application to job site mock-up.

Quality Assurance

- Source all PastelBrik® from the same production run if possible.
- Provide a job site mock-up sample showing texture and color.
- Sample must be approved by architect/owner prior to PastelBrik® installation, although final color selection may be completed after PastelBrik® are installed.

Delivery, Storage and Handling

- PastelBrik® should be stored on the job site away from mud, and staged for installation near the base of each wall to reduce safety and handling concerns.
- The coating material should be delivered just prior to application and fully protected from the weather and physical damage.
- Do not allow the coating to freeze.

Project Conditions

- Walls must be uniformly dry and cured prior to coating application.
- Do not apply the coating material at temperatures below 40°F, during periods of rain, or when rainfall is expected within four hours of application.
- Once applied, allow at least six hours for the coating to cure at temperatures above 35°F unless provisions have been made to temporarily enclose the walls with plastic for heating.
- High ambient temperatures, direct sunlight, and high wind will dry the product quickly; therefore, avoid working on walls in direct sunlight and always consider pre-wetting wall sections to reduce the PastelBrik® absorption rate.

Part 2: Products

Materials

- PastelBrik® - Clay face brick that meet or exceed ASTM C216 and/or C652 standards, feature a unique texture, and are available in Queen and King size based on market preference. These brick are tested to ensure that their initial rate of absorption is suitable for the application of the coating material.
- Brick mortar - Type N masonry cement should be used unless Type S is specified. Standard gray mortar can be used since the joints will be covered with coating material.
- PastelCote® Finishing Mix - An acrylic masonry coating that is pre-blended and shipped to the job site in pails. The coating is designed to be applied heavy (40 mil dry thickness) with no cracking or peeling. It has passed over 2000 hours of accelerated weathering tests.

Mixing

- The finishing mix must be mixed briefly prior to use to avoid any separation occurring during storage or transit.

Part 3: Execution

Inspection

- Verify that the PastelBrik® surface is dry and free of dust, loose particles, oil or other foreign materials.
- Verify that all mortar joints, whether they are flush with the brick face or tooled with a concave jointer, are full and compacted.

Preparations

- Pressure washing the cured brickwork with plain water prior to the finishing mix application is recommended to ensure that all job site dust and debris has been removed. This step may be optional if the walls have been protected, particularly at the foundation.
- Protect all areas not targeted for finishing mix application.
- Follow written instructions found in the PastelCote® Application Guide.

Installation

- PastelBrik® is installed per code with a preference towards a flush-finished mortar joint.
- Follow written instructions found in the PastelCote® Application Guide.
- Move quickly through the three application steps:
 - Apply finishing mix to the wall
 - Evenly distribute the material to achieve uniform thickness/coverage
 - Minimize brush marks and create finished texture

Protection

- Protect the coated surface from physical damage during the drying and curing period.
- Protect the coated surface from mud splatter and contamination by using a barrier material on the ground at the foundation.

Cleaning

- Remove protective materials from job site.
- Use only water and detergent like Trisodium Phosphate to clean coated wall.

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