

Dakota Stone[™]

Step by step instructions for assembling FPD-5228 on a prepared surface/base.

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Materials Needed:

This set of instructions assumes you are building on a level grade on a level foundation.

Dakota Stone™ (4x8x12) Buy 232
Square Block (8x8x4)
Half Block (6x8x4)
Third Block (4x4x8)
Long Halves (4x4x12)
Lintel Block w/ notch

Cap Block (27x27)6x9 Ledge Rock

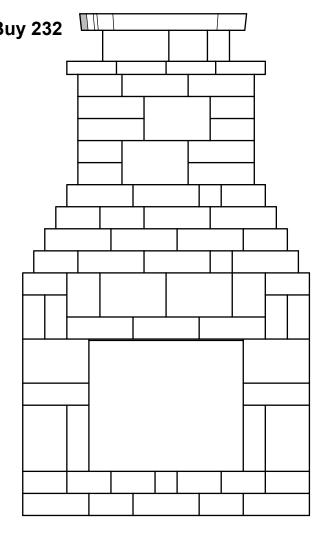
30 Fire Brick

2 Angle Iron (34")

12 Tubes Adhesive

Tools Needed:

Dead Blow Hammer Caulk Gun 4 Foot Level Torpedo Level Square Ladders



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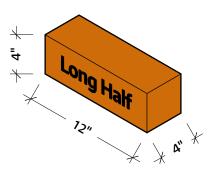
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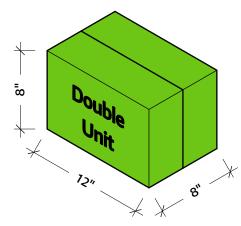
Square Foot Unit

The "Square Foot Unit." consists of three block as shown. By rotating this unit (SFU) we are able to build quickly and easily while keeping bond lines broken up. These will always be shown in a tan color.

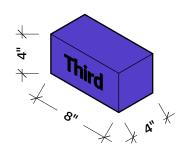


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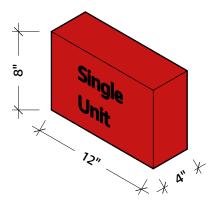
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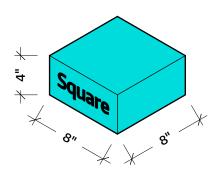
Sometimes SFUs are broken up or can't be used. The Double Unit is the next preferred unit. Double Units are grouped for strength and speed in construction. They are always represented in green.



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The Single Unit is the basis for all the construction, of course. When used in a single or non-standard configuration, you will see Dakota Stone™ depicted in red.



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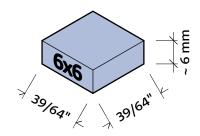
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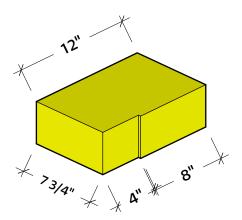
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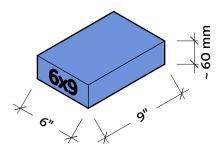
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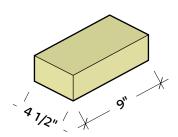
6" x 6" Ledge Rock paver. Just cut a 6x9 to size. Always shown in light blue.



Lintel Block. You will need to cut four (4) of these precisely. The depth of the cut should match the thickness of your angle iron.



6" x 9" Ledge Rock paver. Great to use as a small cap. Always shown in medium blue.



Fire brick. These hard refractory brick are very dense. Use them to line your firebox. You will need to cut a few to fit.

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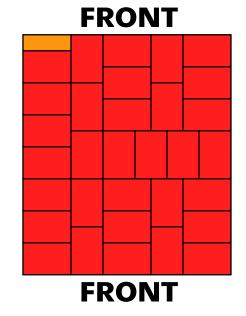
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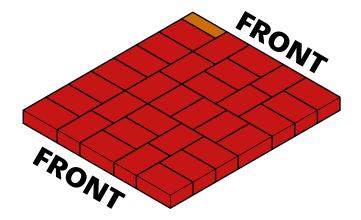
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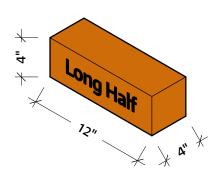
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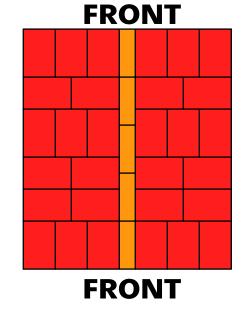
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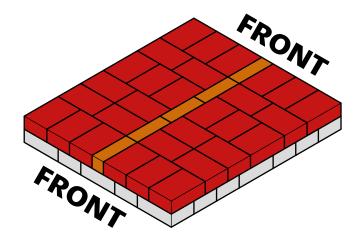
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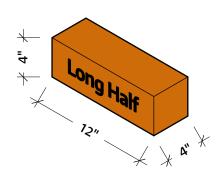
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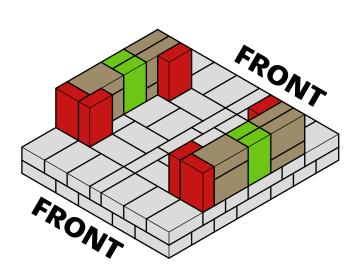
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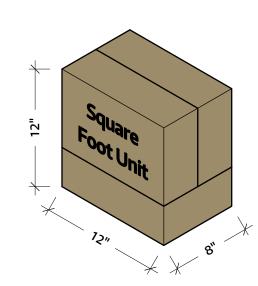
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Always start building from the outside corners. This will help ensure you keep your structure plumb.



Any time you see a block with just the wide top showing, fret not, it is a Square Foot Unit (SFU). The unit is just turned where the that is the only block you see.



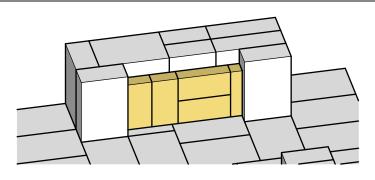
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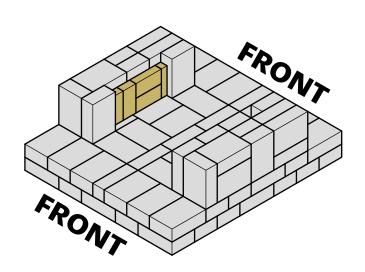
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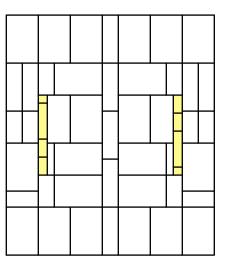
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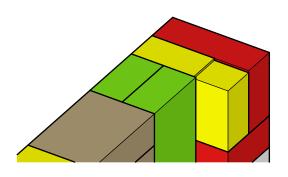
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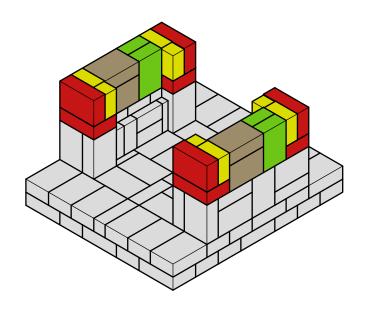
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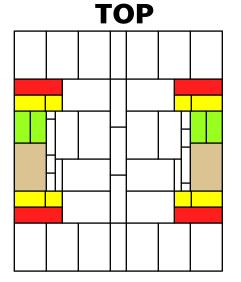
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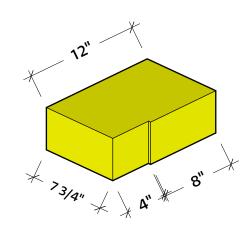
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Cut the notch on your lintel block all the way through and 4" wide as shown.







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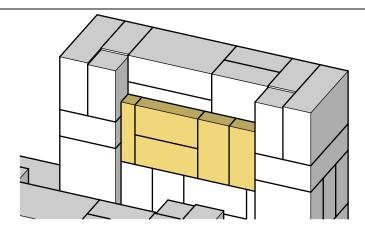
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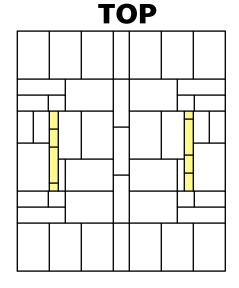


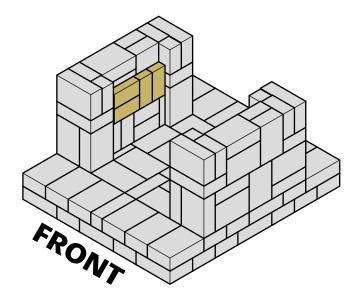
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When facing each side, start with a full fire brick at the right. Cut the final fire brick to fit.



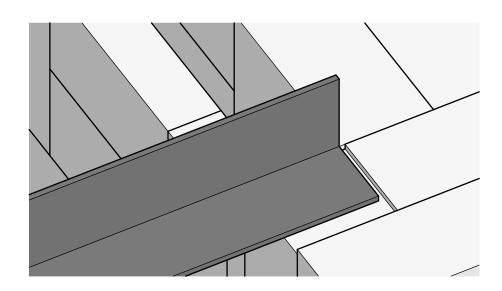


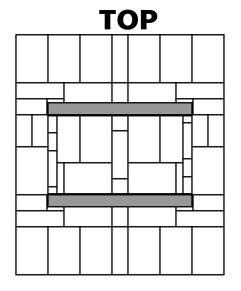
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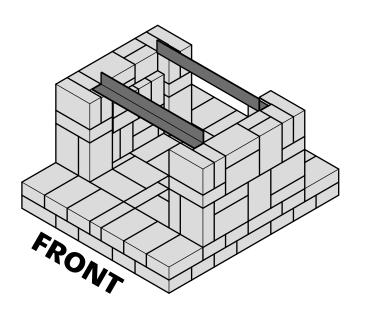
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Place the angle iron such that the top of the angle leg is flush with the top of the lintel blocks. You may need to use coins as shims or add sand under the angle iron to make it flush. Be sure to roughly center the iron to the fire box opening. There will be extra room to allow for the angle iron to expand.

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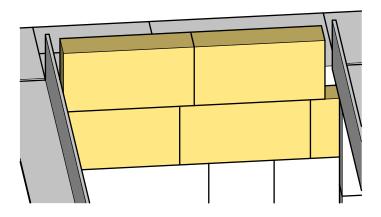
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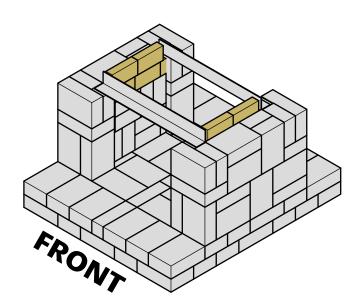
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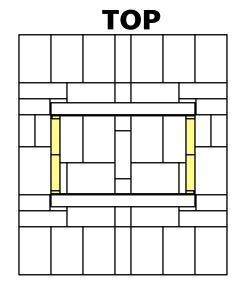
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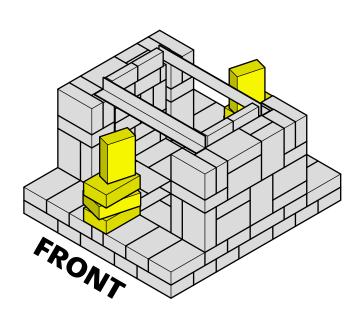
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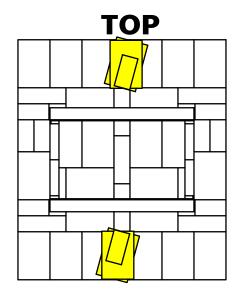
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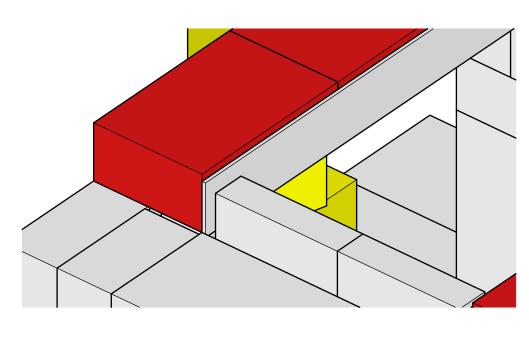


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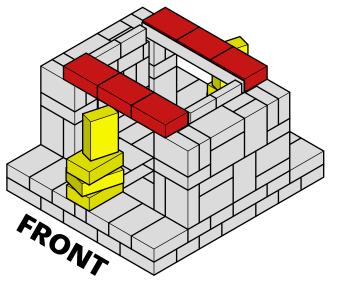
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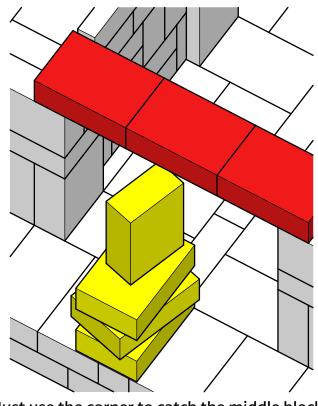
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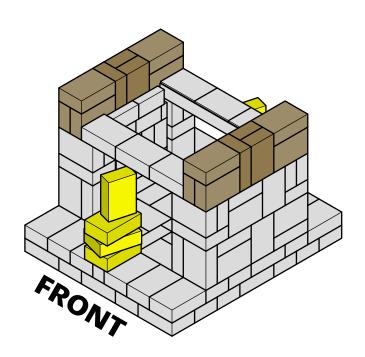
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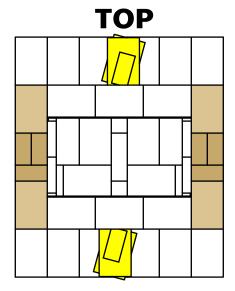
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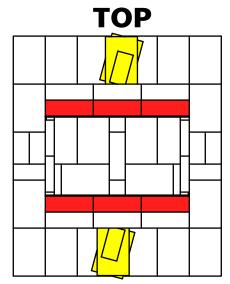


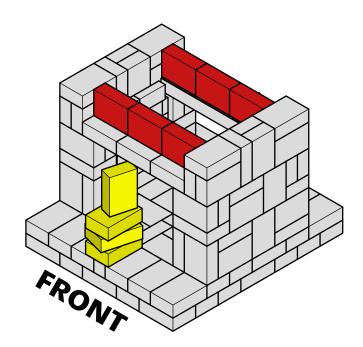
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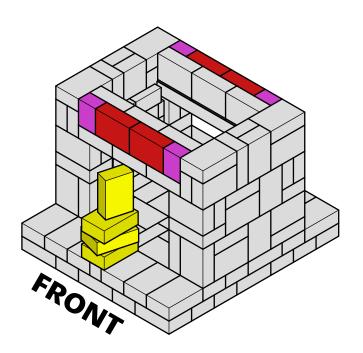
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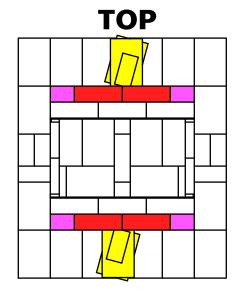
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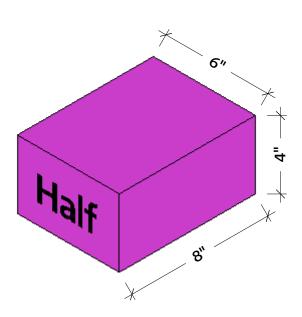
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6x8x4 Half Block

You will need to cut two Euro block in half. This will get you four Half Block. These are used to stagger the bond lines above the lintel.







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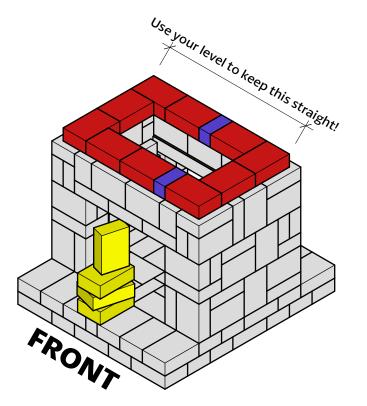
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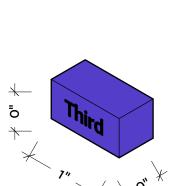
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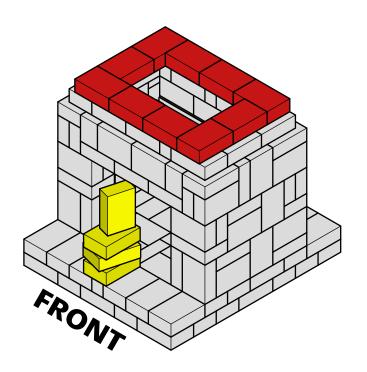
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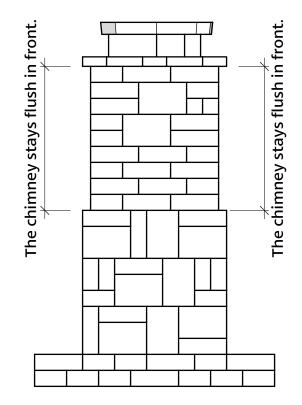
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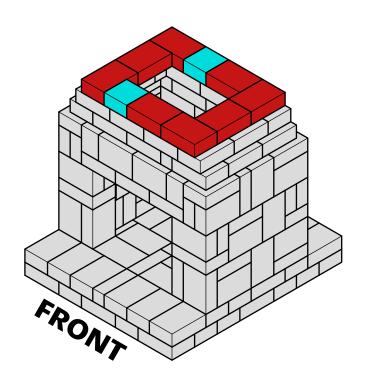
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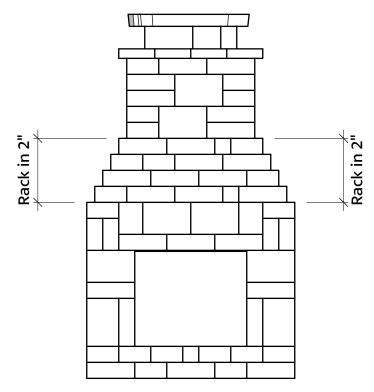
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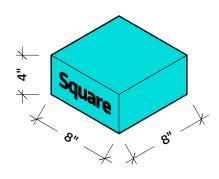
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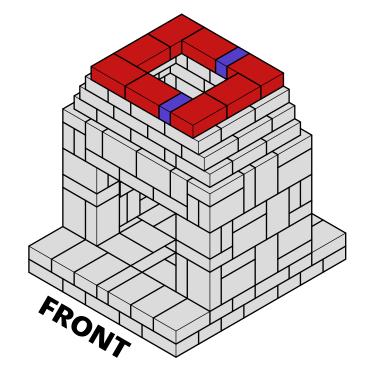
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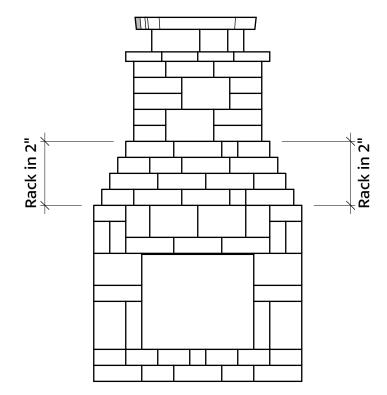


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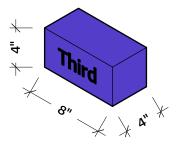
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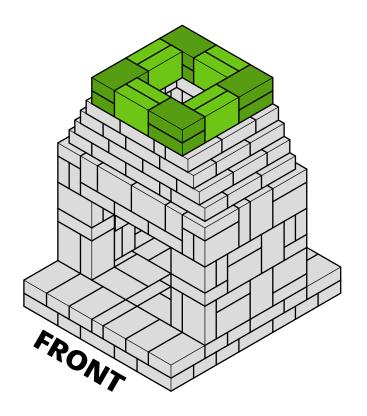
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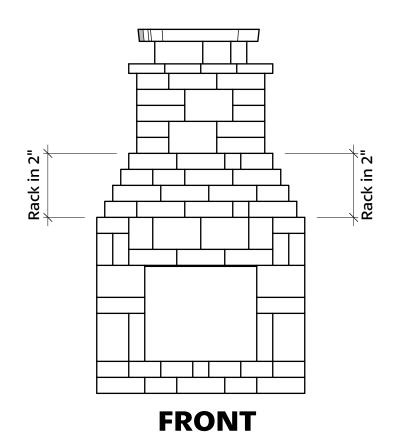
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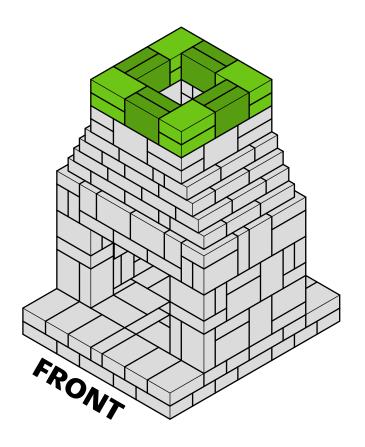




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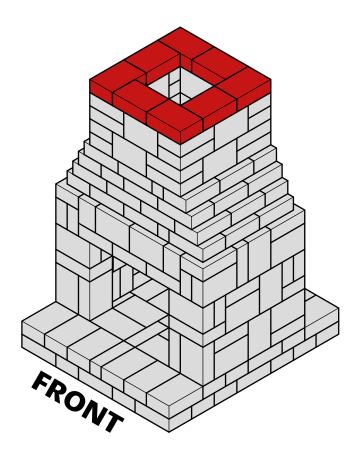
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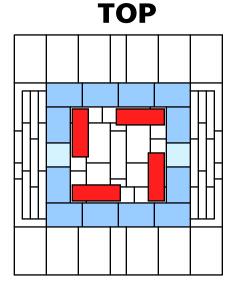
When constructing your project, be sure to keep all blocks level, square, and plumb. Use a four foot level and check often. Starting on a level foundation is key. When gluing blocks together, be sure not to use too much adhesive - this will cause the blocks to "swim." A small bead is ideal.

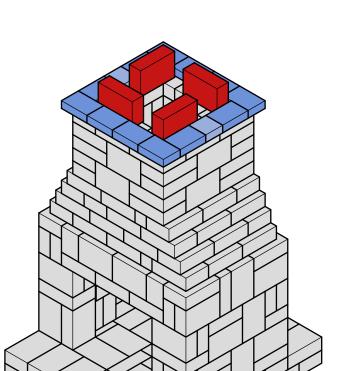
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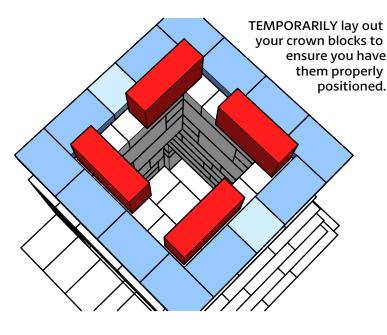
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Before gluing the top four blocks in place, TEMPORARILY lay out your crown blocks (blue shades) to ensure you have them properly positioned. **DO NOT GLUE THE CROWN BLOCKS AT THIS TIME.** Only glue the four cap support blocks (depicted in red). You want to pull your support block in about 1/2" to allow extra room when squaring your cap later.







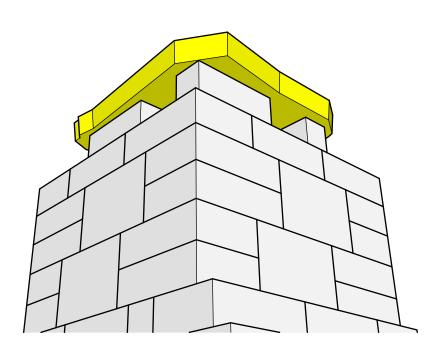
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After the adhesive is set, place the cap block up-sidedown on the top of your four block. Since the stone will be viewed from the ground looking up, the decorative side of the cap should be facing the ground. You may need to add some sand or coins to keep the cap from rocking on the block.

Placing the cap is the hardest part of the entire build. Use ladders and/or scaffolding. You can use the ledges created by the racked block as a "strairway" to move the block up until the final heave.



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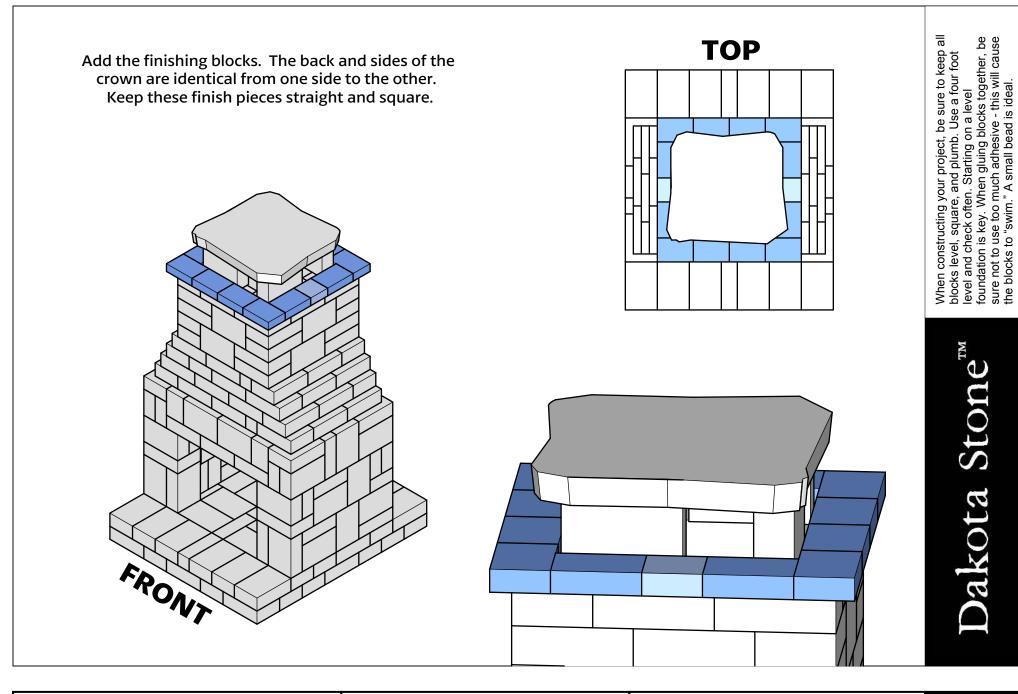
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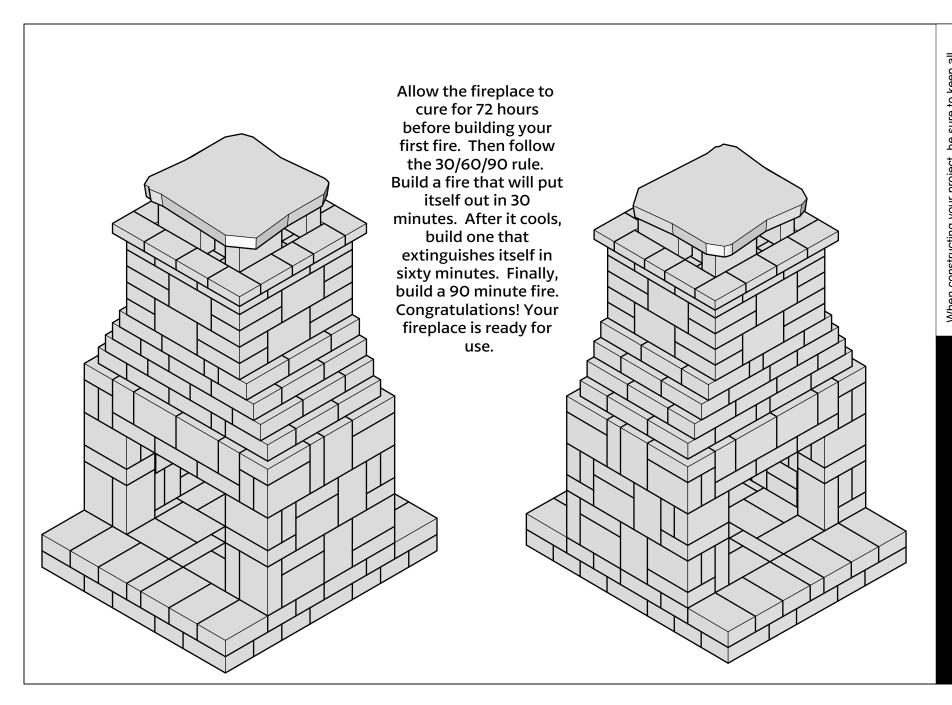
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