Bricks for the Future from Island Block & Paving offer a state of the art patented brick selection, nationally recognised for its unique surface textures, inspirational modern colours and Global Green Tag certification.

- Stylish finishes
- Lighter = easy to lay
- 100% Colourfast
- Bricklayer friendly
- New design with six holes
Bricks for the Future offer a high quality premium brick selection manufactured by award winning Tasmanian owned company Island Block & Paving.

**COLOURS AND STYLE:** Bricks for the Future offer a vast range of unique brick colours and textures. All Bricks for the Future are colourfast; the colour is blended throughout the brick ie. not a surface coating that can chip off.

**LOW MAINTENANCE:** Bricks for the Future require minimal maintenance to keep them looking pristine. An advantage over cladding products is bricks allow the householder to enjoy their home without concerns on future maintenance.

**ROBUST:** Bricks for the Future are very strong and extremely noise resistant. Their fire resistance is perfect for Australia’s harsh environment. Bricks for the Future also have a security advantage over cladding options as due to their durability they resist termites and any other unwelcome visitors.

**AFFORDABLE:** Bricks for the Future are affordable and despite their uniqueness they are very price competitive.

**ENERGY EFFICIENCY:** Bricks for the Future have a high thermal mass producing a much cooler house in summer and warm house in winter, therefore reducing household energy costs.

**SUSTAINABILITY:** Bricks for the Future are manufactured to stand the test of time, no replacement costs. Recycled aggregates are used where possible meaning landfill is reduced. Modern natural curing methods which reduce energy consumption are implemented, 100% captured water is used and CO2 emissions are reduced.

To view the Bricks for the Future Premium range Life Cycle Analysis islandblock.com.au/bricks/

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**THE BRICK STORY**

**SELECTING YOUR BRICK**

**Step 1: YOUR DESIGN**
The type of new home design, look, texture, colour and the locality of the home may influence the type of bricks and mortar joints selected. Free brick samples as well as informative Sales Representatives are available to assist with plan estimating, pricing, colour or mortar recommendations if required.

**Step 2: COLOUR & SURFACE TEXTURE**
The appearance and feel of the Brick type selected will help create an individual style of home. Bricks for the Future colours vary from light neutral tones to deep dark tones and subtle blends. Two ranges are available- the PREMIUM RANGE made with coloured recycled glass aggregates and the DESIGNER RANGE made with natural aggregates. Both brick ranges consist of four types of textures “Smooth”, “Exposed”, Refined and Polished.

**Step 3: MORTAR**
The type of mortar joint (between the bricks) can have a definitive impact on the appearance of any bricks.

| Common Mortar Colours | Natural or Grey, White, Off white, Coloured mortar to match the brick colour |

**Step 4: TYPES OF MORTAR JOINTS**
Common Mortar Joints- The mortar joint refers to how the band of mortar between the bricks is finished.

| Types of Mortar Joints | Raked | Ironed/Rolled | Flush | Stuck |

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DESIGNER RANGE

SMOOTH FINISH Bricks have a consistent ultra-smooth texture and have the same surface finish all around the brick which includes very straight distinctive edges.

EXPOSED FINISH Bricks are treated after manufacture by shot blasting to create a distinctively unique appearance that exposes the aggregate on the brick face and on one end of the brick.

- Stylish colours and textures
- Natural sand aggregates
- True to size, easy to lay
- Locally manufactured
- 100% Colour-fast
- Lighter = lower handling costs

“*We are delighted to offer Bricks for the Future to our client’s, they are proving to be very popular and we have clients who have changed their minds from rendering their homes once they have seen such a modern contemporary brick is now available. Laurie & I like them so much we are building our own home using two of the colours!*”

Helen Gray – LHG Homes (20 years HIA Member)
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- Coloured, recycled glass aggregates
- Unique finish that glistens in the light
- True to size, easy to lay
- Global Green Tag certified
- Locally manufactured
- 100% Colour-fast

“Bricks for the Future are an ideal choice when choosing face bricks. The contemporary look created by the unique coloured aggregates and surface finishes are a breath of fresh air to the housing market. My bricklayer likes working with them and importantly my clients end up with an exclusive finish without paying a premium price”.

Pino Tedeschi – Tedeschi & Voorham Builders (20 years HIA member)
Refined and Polished Finished Bricks are Island Block & Paving's Superior brick collection. Distinguished, ultra-smooth, high end surface finishes are achieved through a state of the art "Cassani" grinding and polishing machine resulting in mirror like surface finishes.

- Coloured, recycled glass aggregates
- Unique finish that glistens in the light
- Bricklayer friendly, being so easy to clean
- Global Green Tag certified
- Locally manufactured
- 100% Colour-fast

"I have used the Refined finish Bricks for the Future on a recent project and am very happy with the finished product. It’s great for our industry to have a brick product with new surface textures. The smooth finish makes cleaning easy. An added bonus is the environmental and thermal benefits that the bricks provide without paying a price premium. I’m more than happy to recommend this Tasmanian made product to my customers".

Simon Direen – Direen Homes (20 years HIA member)
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. With the Refined brick finish, what happens with the external corners and sills where the ends are visible?
A. For all orders over 2,500 bricks, a % of bricks are supplied with the Refined finish on one face + 1 end to be used on all external corners and sills. Extra bricks can be purchased for an additional cost.

Q. Will you make a special colour for me for a house lot?
A. Yes, minimum quantities of 5,000 apply and a surcharge of 10% will apply to offset the additional production costs.

Q. Are the Premium and Designer ranges both made with coloured glass aggregates?
A. No, the Premium range is made with recycled coloured glass aggregates and the Designer range is made with natural sand aggregates, predominately a blended quartz sand.

Q. What is the recommended mortar mix?
A. MORTAR RECOMMENDATION: 1 part cement + 1 part Builders Lime + 6 parts bricklayer’s sand + 5 mL max of Plasticiser. NOTE: Excess Plasticiser can severely weaken the mortar mix. A stronger mortar is required near coastal areas per AS 3700.

Q. Do the bricks have to be acid cleaned after laying?
A. No, acid cleaning is optional as it depends on a number of factors. For example, do mortar smears need removing from the wall? Will a high-pressure water clean do the job? The recommended cleaning method can be viewed at islandblock.com.au/bricks/. Island Block & Paving stock “Guard It” acid replacement if required.

Q. If all Bricks for the Future are supplied with six holes in them, are solids available if required?
A. Yes, Solids can be ordered at an additional cost, per price list.

Q. Are the bricks likely to have any colour variations?
A. Products on display are examples, minor variations can occur naturally within a production run and with each separate production run of products. For all colours including blends, it is important that the total brick order is delivered to site together, so as bricks can be further blended from various pallets on site. All bricks shall be considered as accepted by the purchaser as to colour, size, texture and quality when laid into a structure.

Q. Where can I view the conditions of sale?
A. All conditions of sale including information on payments, pallets, cartage, blending and product returns can be viewed at islandblock.com.au/about-us/conditions-of-sale or phone 1800 004 499 to clarify any conditions.