

MINIMUM SIZE OF CUT BRICK AT A DOOR OR WINDOW JAMB

During construction, it is often necessary for a bricklayer to cut a brick to finish a course next to a door or window jamb. A common question is, “how small of a piece can be cut and still be used effectively.”

AIA Master Spec recommends not less than a half brick at jambs, etc. Several bricklaying instructional manuals indicate a piece shorter than 2 inches should not be used. Some experts conclude that the shortest piece should be equal to the brick height.

One way to avoid this predicament is to detail the brick to course to the jambs, corners, etc. Brick scales are available, and most CADD programs can also course the brick.

When cuts are unavoidable, the consensus recommendation seems to be to limit the size of the cut piece to 2 inches or larger.