# OLD CHICAGO BRICK

Reclaimed, recycled from 1860 - 1920's industrial buildings ranging from textile manufacturers, cotton gins, leather factories, and warehouses.

*Due to pourous nature of product, consider using sealer.*

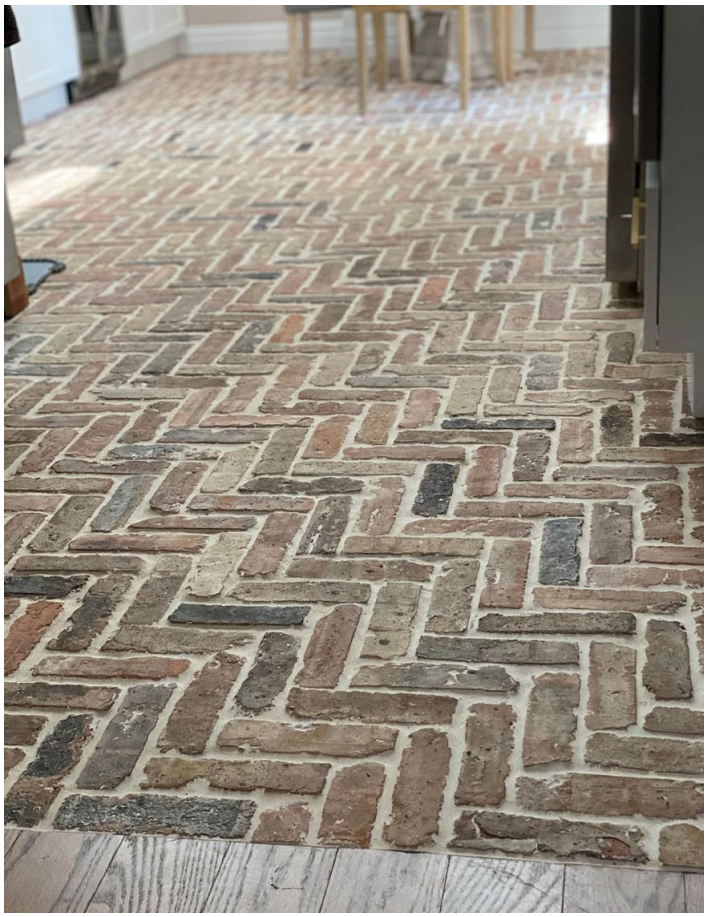
- 1/2" face cut vintage brick
- Indoor, outdoor
- Walls, floors, exterior
- In-Stock

☑ 2.5"x 8.5"
☑ 4"x 8.5"

*Non-Stock Available:*

- *Corners - special order*
- *Various thicknesses - special order*







☑ In stock

Images are for reference only; please refer to live product for an accurate color representation.

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**Old Chicago Reclaimed Brick information:**

Sizes are nominal and can vary ½ inch from piece to piece. We recommend a ¼" grout joint. Due to the nature of the reclaimed product, chipped corners and cracked pieces are normal and add to the aged visual display of the product. The thickness can also vary from piece to piece. The product is sold AS IS. The material is shipped from our warehouse dry and packed properly.

Showroom display boards and loose samples are general, nominal, and show the range of the product. Due to the varying sources (various types of demolished buildings), the material will vary within the bundles and from each pallet and shipment. Blending from different bundles is recommended for the best finished installation look.

Bricks can be damp after they are cut from the original bricks so remove shrink wrap and keep material in a dry place to avoid the possibility of mold growing on any carbon based packaging. The bricks themselves will not grow mold, but the cardboard packaging can.

Applications: Our thin brick can be installed interior and exterior. We do not recommend using it horizontally (on floors) in exterior settings or in extremely harsh, freezing climates. We also recommend a penetrating, UV resistant sealer for exterior installations.

General Installation Instructions:

1. Prepare the substrate as for tile installation. Level the floor as needed. The best substrates are concrete slab, tile backerboard, or antifracture membranes such as Ditra.
2. Install bricks with latex modified, medium bed mortar using a ¼" x ¼" trowel. Laticrete's LHT Plus is recommended. Installer should use skills to work with the mortar to deal with any thickness variations to create a level finished floor.
3. Use a diamond blade on a wet saw to make cuts needed.
4. Set tiles to desired pattern and grout joint width. Grout joints will widen visually due to the irregular edges of the bricks.
5. Wait 24-48 hours for installation to dry before grouting.
6. For a look of less grout on the surface of the bricks, use a grout release sealer before grouting; or use a grout bag to keep grout off the face of the bricks.
7. Use sanded grout or equivalent grouts for joints. Use whiter grouts with the whitewashed manor and bungalow bricks to maintain the white washed look.
8. Clean grout and residue with water and other cleaners as needed. (for the whitewashed manor bricks, for an even whiter appearance, the installer could leave some grout residue on the surface.
9. Seal bricks and grout with sealer for desired appearance.
    a. Use a non-gloss sealer for a more natural, matte finish look.
    b. Use a wet look glossy sealer for a somewhat glossier, wet look.
10. With the variation in these products, allow for a larger waste factor in calculating the needed amount of material.

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**Installation guidelines for Old Chicago Brick pavers:**

The process of making the pavers causes them to be rough, tumbled, and pitted. This is part of the beauty and character of the material. These are actual bricks previously used in buildings so some bricks will have paint, mortar, or even soot from fires. Again, this is part of the mystique of the product. The bricks are fragile and some are cracked.

These cracked bricks can be laid if installed properly with full thin-set coverage under them. Once installed and grouted the cracks should not move and some will almost disappear.

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