

# ONE ROOM HOUSE - HOW WOULD I BUILD THE WALLS?

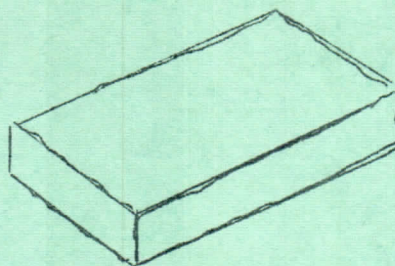
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Your father might decide to use clay bricks for your house. He would have to make many bricks. Each brick was quite big. It measured -

21 inches long

10 inches wide

4 inches thick



These bricks were dried in the sun. Then they were used to build the walls of the house. Sometimes soft clay was also used between the bricks as mortar. Sometimes straw was mixed with the clay before it was shaped into bricks.

Sometimes the corners of this house were made of stone to make them stronger. The stone for the corner was chosen very carefully, because all the other stones in the corner rest on it. And the roof rests on the corner too. Peter said Jesus was the chief cornerstone. Jesus is strong and dependable and many other lives are resting on Him.

(See I Peter 2:6)

A house made of sun-baked bricks was not strong. When it rained, the clay washed away. Father had to keep mending the walls if he had a house like this.

If a man could, he built his house out of stones. Some were used without special cutting. Clay mud was used to hold the stones together. Some of these stone walls were very thick.