

LU8 – BUILDING COST ESTIMATION

PART 1

WHAT IS CONSTRUCTION
ESTIMATING?

ESTIMATOR

DETAIL/NOT
DETAIL

TECHNICAL
PROCESS

BREAKDOWN

CLIENT
REQUIREMENT

CONSTRUCTION COST ESTIMATING



DIFFERENT STAGE

COST
CONTROL/BUDGET
LIMITATION

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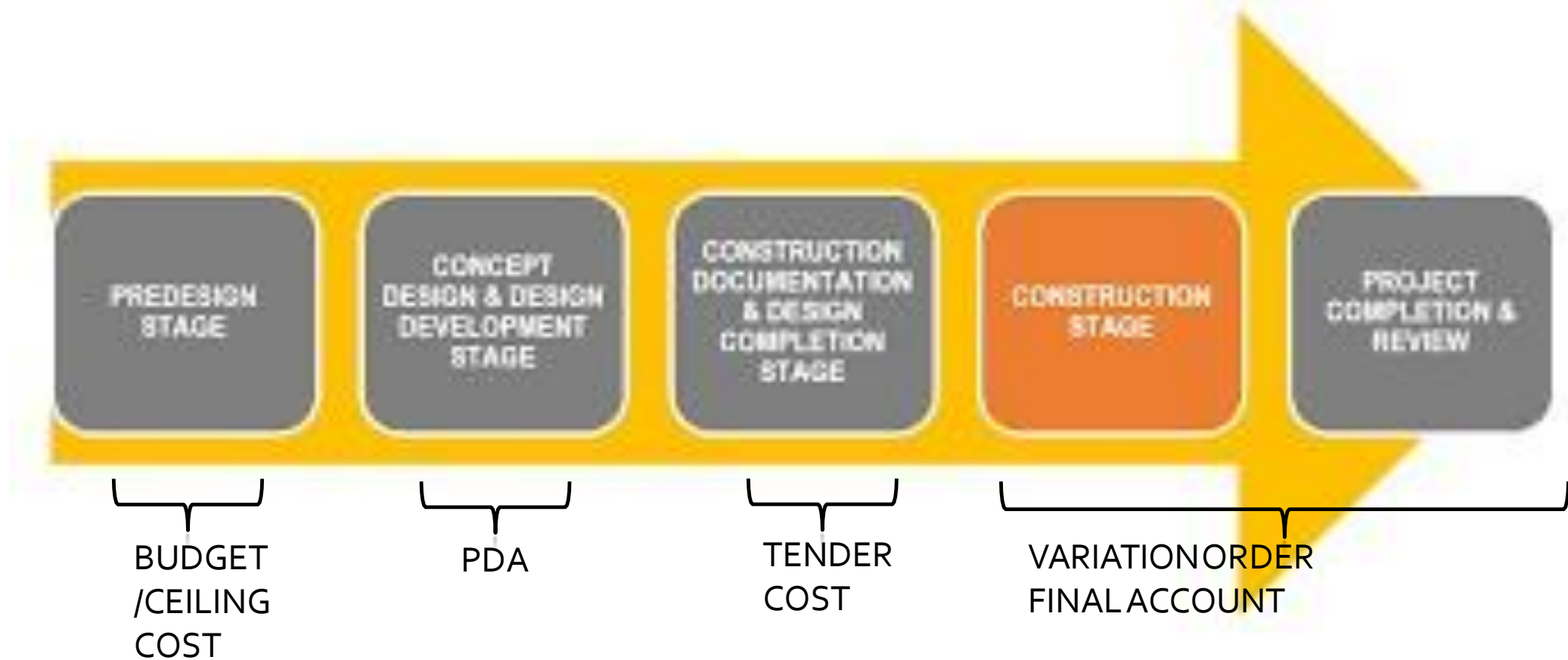
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DATA

DIFFERENT
METHOD

APPROVAL

WHERE WILL BE THE COST ESTIMATING?

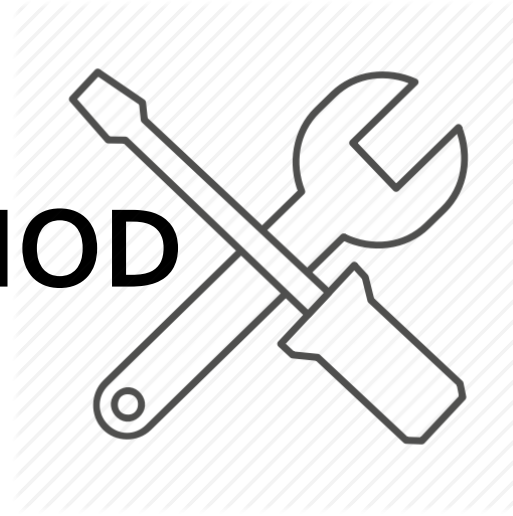


METHOD OF ESTIMATING

WHOLE BUILDING

COMPONENT

METHOD



DETAILS

WHOLE BUILDING

1) GROSS FLOORAREA

- ❖ 'X' Floor area
- ❖ From Elemental Cost Analysis (ECA)
- ❖ Latest Data – 3 years back. If less than, need to do some analysis on price increment
- ❖ Based on similar or nearest types of project (need to do rationalisation)

WHOLE BUILDING (contd')

2) Cubic Content

- ❖ Length (L) x Width (w) x Height (H) = m³
- ❖ Simple calculation BUT not encountered in detail

3) Unit

- ❖ Simple and in early stage
- ❖ Based on building function e.g. Hospital, Mosque
- ❖ Encounter total of residents e.g RM 1 Million /bed
- ❖ Risk – Not accurate

WHOLE BUILDING (contd')

4) Enclosed storey

- ❖ (Wall/Floor/Roof area)X Weightage (Based on work complexity)
X cost/m²
- ❖ More Accurate
- ❖ Based on Specification and Drawing

5) Approximate Quantity

- ❖ More detail and accurate
- ❖ Require detail drawing

COMPONENT

- By element : WBLFF, Frame, Roof, Staircase, etc by m2
- Distribution estimation on early stage (Cost Plan)

DETAIL

- Estimate on every item in Bill of quantity

THE ELEMENTS FOR ESTIMATING

MATERIAL

- Criteria of material estimation
 - ❖ Material management (Storage, Care, Quality, Quantity, Time., etc)
 - ❖ All material involved need to encountered
 - ❖ Supplier selection
 - ❖ Purchasing process
 - ❖ Transportation and handling cos
 - ❖ Wastage
 - ❖ Knowledge of estimation
 - ❖ Contribution from overall cost depending on types of work
 - ❖ Latest data and analysis



LABOUR

- Criteria of labour estimation
 - ❖ Priority determination – Types, category, performance, profit
 - ❖ Proper planning – Work Programme
 - ❖ Estimator knowledge and experience

TOOLS & MACHINERY

- Criteria of tools&machinery estimation
 - ❖ Non-motorized / Motorized
 - ❖ Need to include rent or depreciation, maintenance costs, drivers and fuel consumption and water.
 - ❖ Estimator knowledge and experience

PLANT ACQUISITION

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graph TD; A[PLANT ACQUISITION] --> B[RENT]; A --> C[OWNERSHIP]; A --> D[LEASE]; A --> E[HIRE PURCHASE];
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RENT

OWNERSHIP

LEASE

HIRE
PURCHASE

PROFIT & OVERHEAD

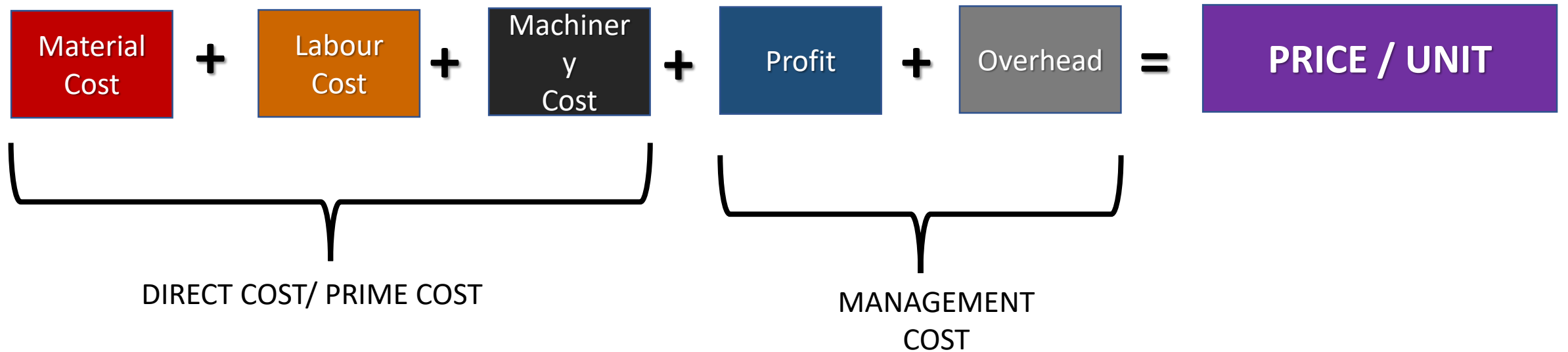
- ***Criteria of profit and overhead estimation***
 - ❖ Depends on management style/skill
 - ❖ Reasonable
 - ❖ Estimator knowledge and experience

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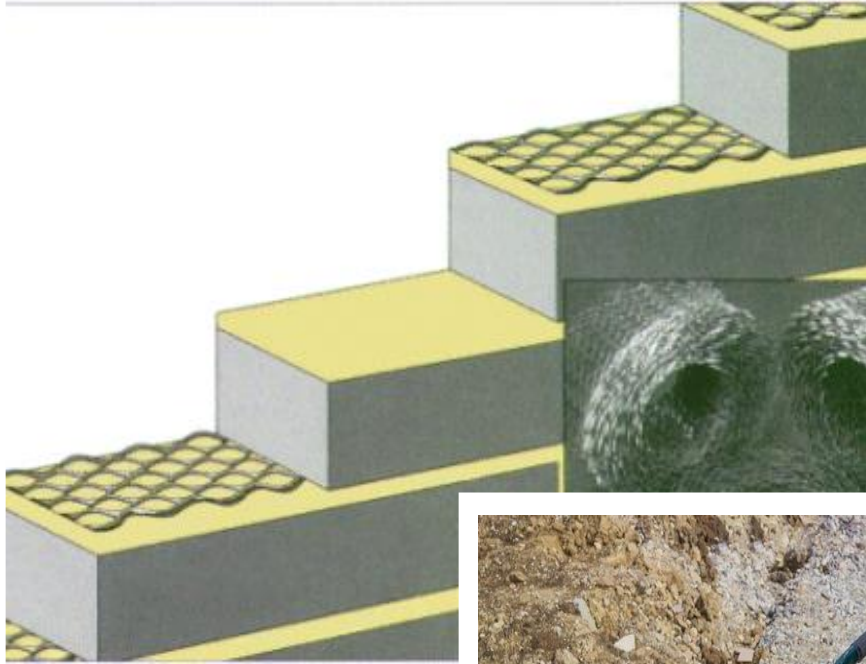
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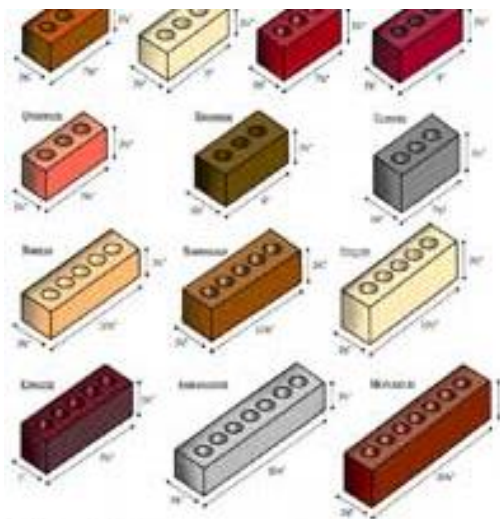
ESTIMATING FOR WALLS

Concept of estimating

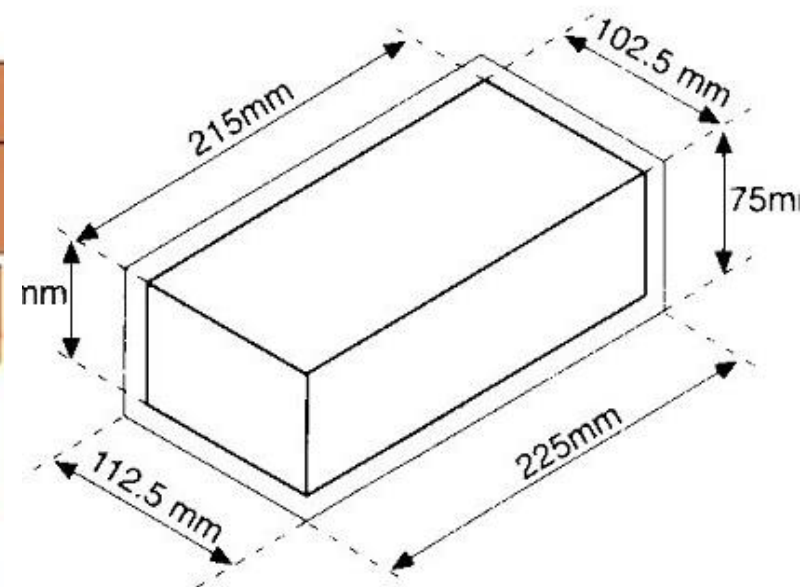
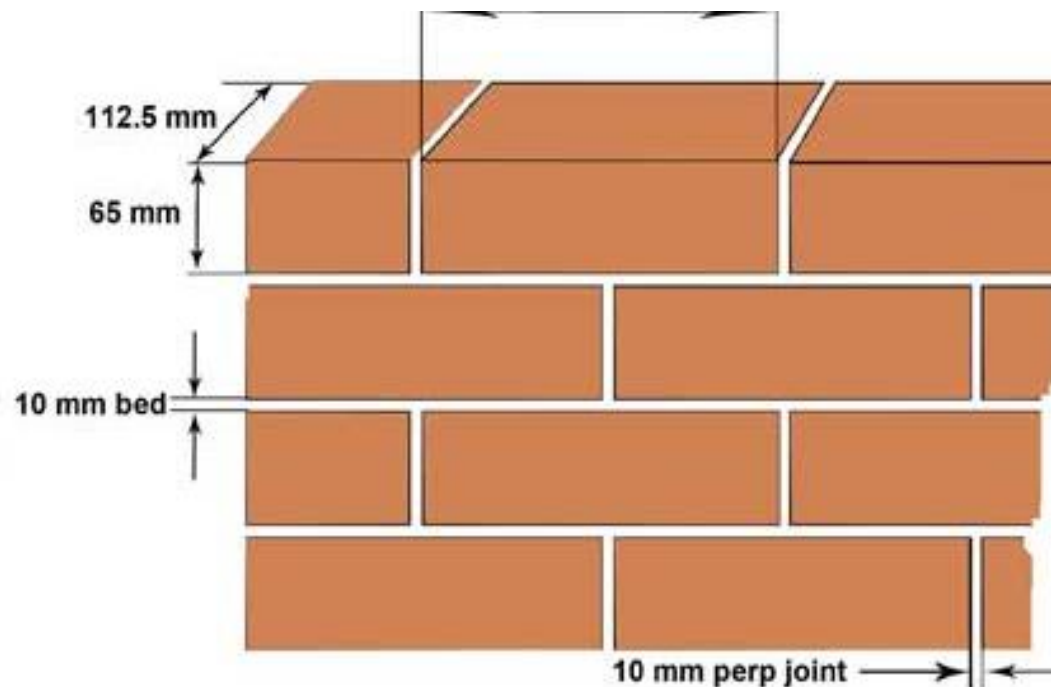
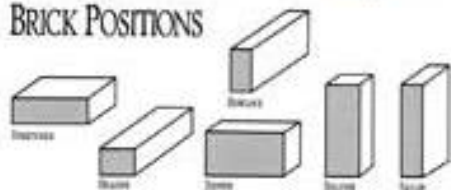








BRICK POSITIONS



-ordinating size
or format:
k + 10mm joint

Work size:
Brick for manufactur

EXAMPLE OF CALCULATING A BRICKWALL

brick

$$\begin{array}{rclclcl} \text{No of brick/m}^2 \text{ of wall} & = & \frac{1000\text{mm} \times 1000\text{mm}}{225\text{mm} \times 75\text{mm}} & = & 59.26 & = & 60 \\ & & & & & \text{Add 5\% waste} & \underline{3} \\ & & & & & & 63 \end{array}$$

Thickness of wall	Mortar (m3)	No of bricks
1/2 bw	0.025	63
1 bw	0.050	125
1 1/2 bw	0.075	188

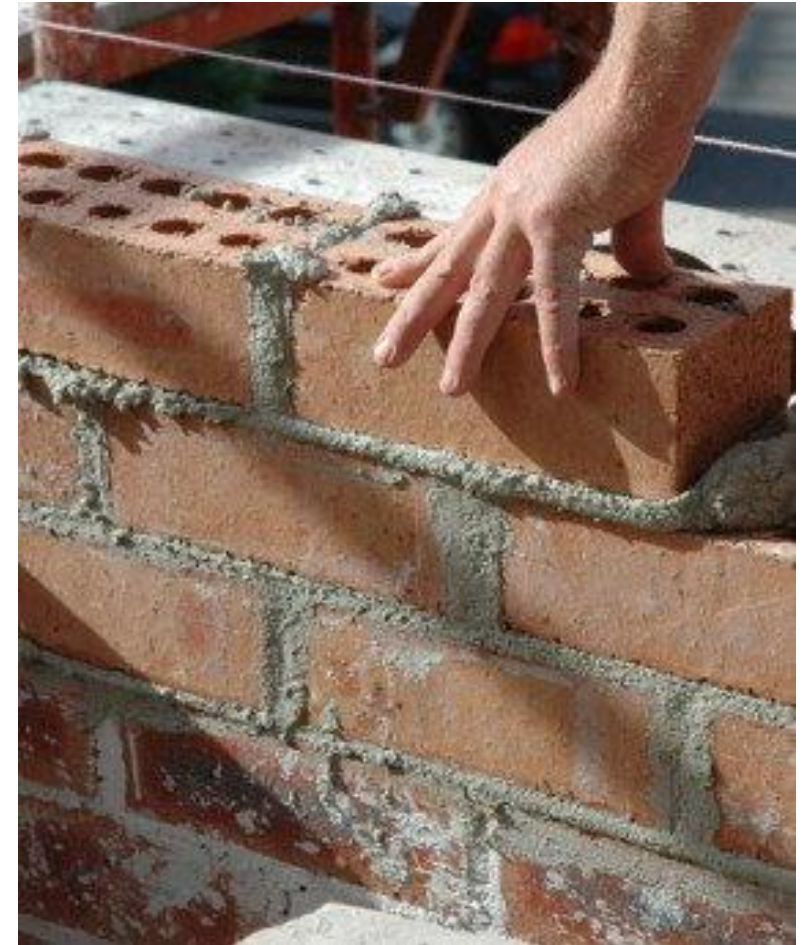
Labour



Thickness of wall	Bricklayer (Hr/m2)	Gen Worker (Hr/m2)
1/2 bw common brick	1.00	0.35
1 bw common brick	1.75	0.70
1/2 bw facing brick	2.00	0.50
1 bw facing brick	3.50	1.00

MORTAR

- Consist of cement and sand with ratio of :
 - Substructure - 1:3 or 1:4
 - Superstructure - 1:6
- Also may comprise of lime (*kapur*)
 - Ratio: 1:1:6
- Addition of 33.33% or $\frac{1}{3}$ is made for mortar to allow wastage and shrinkage



mortar



Cement Mortar 1:3 - Manual Labour (Hand mixed)

1m3 cement	28 bags	RM	18.00	RM	504.00
3m3 sand	3 m3	RM	38.00	<u>RM</u>	<u>114.00</u>
				RM	618.00
1/3 shrinkage & wastage				<u>RM</u>	<u>206.00</u>
Cost for 4m3				<u>RM</u>	<u>824.00</u>
Material cost /m3	RM 824.00 / 4m3			RM	206.00
Labour	2 hrs	RM	50.00 /8 hours	RM	12.50
Cost mortar/m3				<u>RM</u>	<u>218.50</u>

mortar

Cement Lime Mortar 1:1:6 - Manual labour (Hand mixed)



1m3 lime	40bags	RM	6.00	RM	240.00
1m3 cement	28bags	RM	18.00	RM	504.00
6m3 sand	6m3	RM	38.00	<u>RM</u>	<u>228.00</u>
				RM	972.00
1/3 shrinkage & wastage				<u>RM</u>	<u>324.00</u>
Cost for 8m3				<u>RM</u>	<u>1,296.00</u>
Material cost /m3				RM	162.00
Labour	2hrs	RM	50.00	/8 hours	<u>RM</u> <u>12.50</u>
Cost mortar/m3				<u>RM</u>	<u>174.50</u>

mortar

Cement Lime Mortar 1:1:6 - Concrete mixer

Material cost/m³

RM	162.00
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Machine cost/day

RM 380.00

26 days

RM 14.62

Mixer cost/day

1 operator

RM 90.00

1 general labour

RM 50.00

Diesel 1.1 liter x 8 jam x RM2.30

RM 20.24

Lubricant	0.04 liter x 8 jam x RM 40.00
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RM	12.80
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Cost per day

RM 173.04

Cost per hour

RM 21.63

Output 1.25m³/hour

Mixer cost

RM 21.63

1.25 m3

RM 17.30

Mortar cost/m3

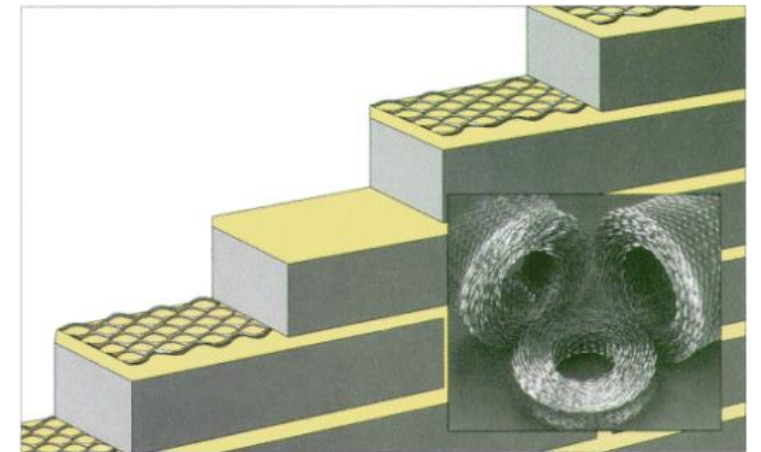
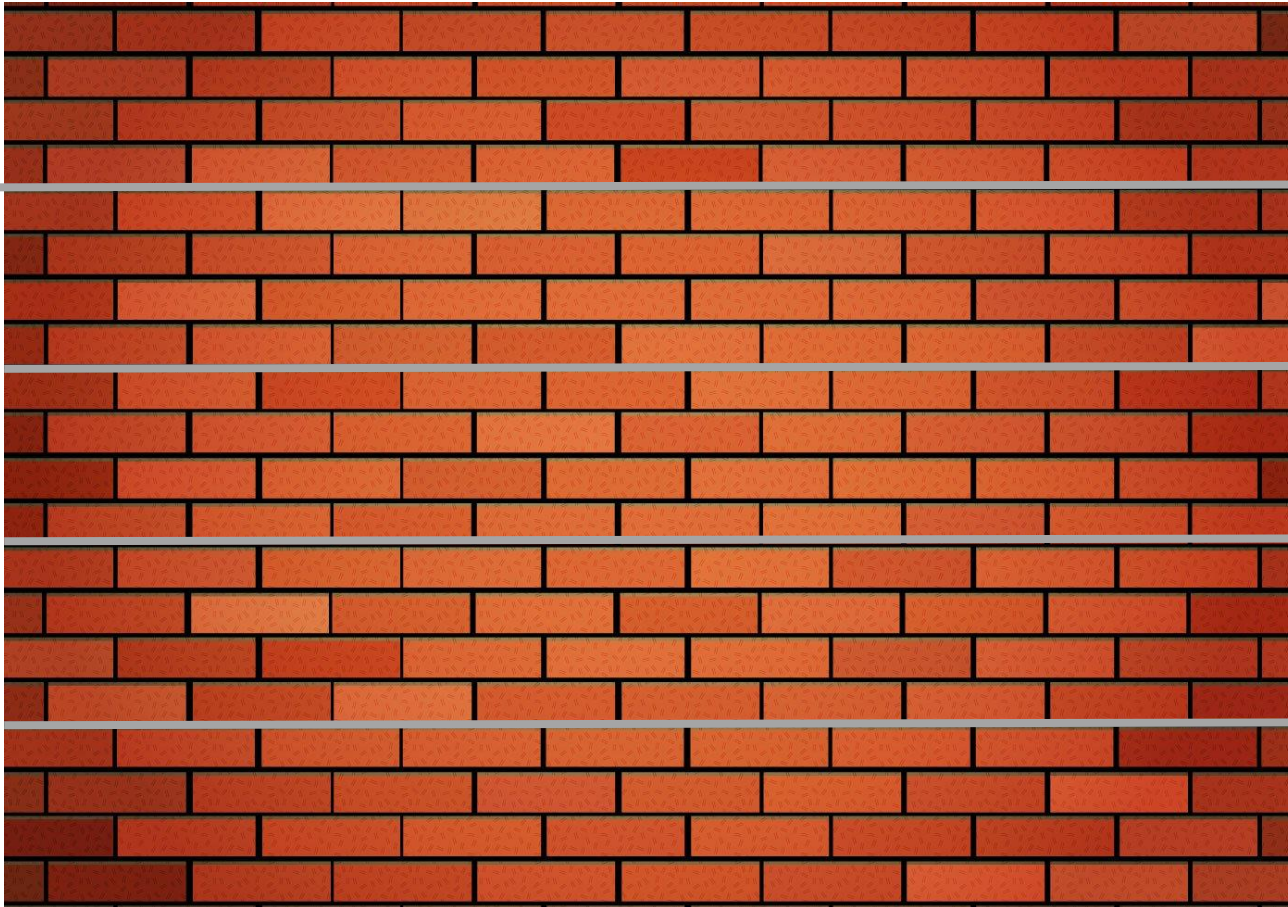
RM 179.30



Brick reinforcement

$$\text{Length of brick reinf/m}^2 \text{ of wall} = \frac{1000\text{mm} \times 1000\text{mm}}{4 \times 75\text{mm}} = 3.33 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{Add 8\% lapping \& waste} = \frac{0.27 \text{ m}}{3.60 \text{ m}}$$



Source:
Abdullah, A (2006), Anggaran Kos Kerja Bangunan (pg 176)

Example

- Half brickwall in common brick in cement lime mortar (1:1:6) in stretcher bond with brick reinforcement at every 4th course, non-load bearing – m2

(Refer page 179)

FLOW OF ESTIMATING



Material cost

Bricks	63 nos	RM	0.24	RM	15.12
Mortar	0.025 m3	RM	112.33	RM	2.81
Brick reinforcement	3.6 m	RM	0.60	RM	2.16

Labour cost

Bricklayer	1 hrs	RM	7.50	RM	7.50
Gen labour	0.35 hrs	RM	5.00	<u>RM</u>	<u>1.75</u>
				RM	29.34

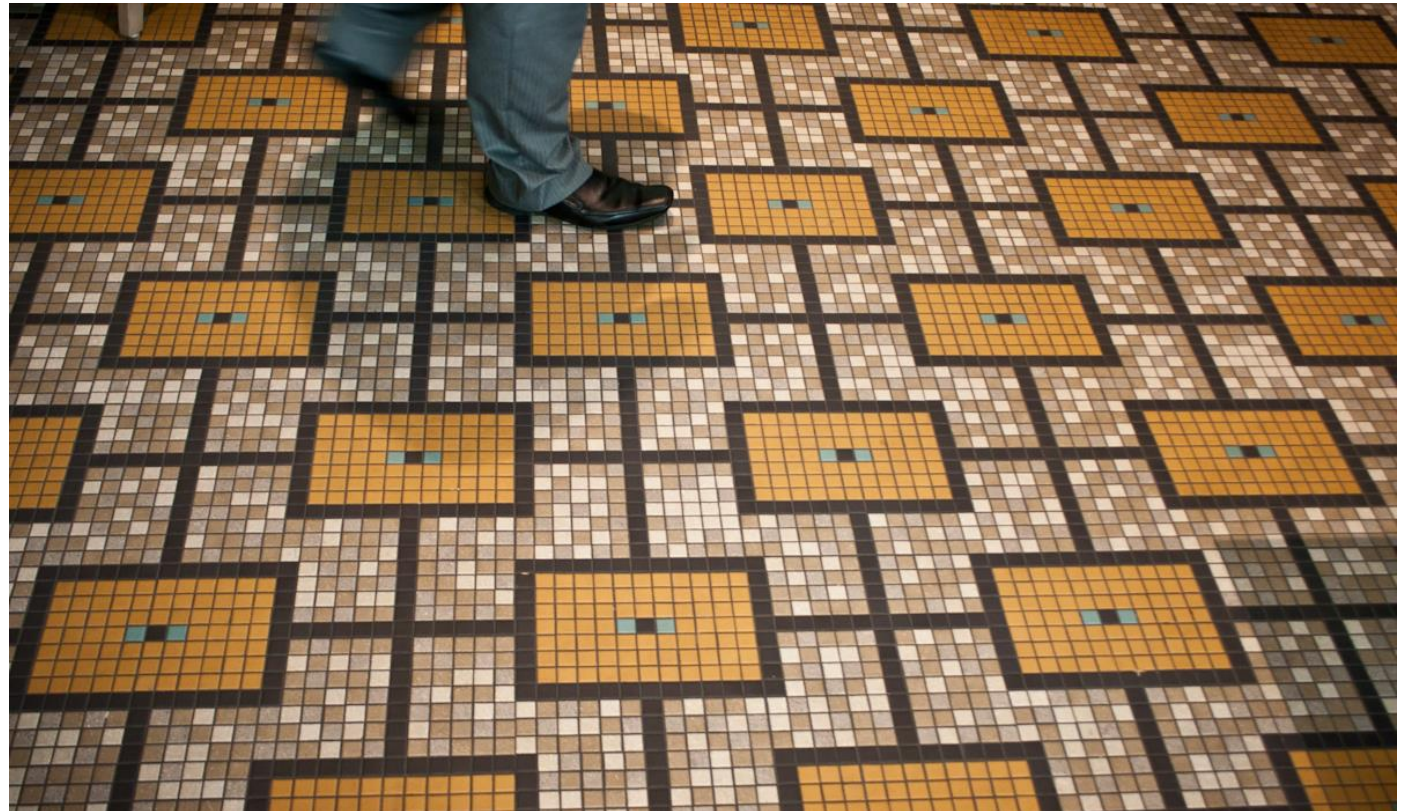
15% overhead and profit		<u>RM</u>	<u>4.40</u>
Price/m2		RM	33.74

<u>Cost of material</u>		
Brick	=	0.24/nos
Brick reinforcement	=	0.60/m
Cement	=	10.50/bag
Sand	=	30.00/m3
Lime	=	3.50/bag
<u>Cost of labour</u>		
Bricklayer	=	60.00/day
Gen worker	=	40.00/day

ESTIMATING FOR FLOOR, WALL & CEILING FINISHES

INTERNAL finishes

1. Cement render
2. Screed
3. Finishes
4. Plaster
5. Ceiling panel
6. Painting



Floor finishes

1. Cost of floor finishes will consist of:
 - i. Mortar (screed)
 - ii. Finishes (e.g tiles etc)
 - iii. Labour



Wall finishes

1. Cost of wall finishes will consist of:

- i. Mortar (screed)
- ii. Plaster
- iii. Hard Finishes (e.g tiles etc)
- iv. Painting
- v. Labour



ceiling finishes

1. Cost of ceiling finishes will consist of:

- i. Plaster
- ii. Ceiling panel
- iii. Painting
- iv. Labour



mortar

- General thickness is between 12 mm to 25mm
- The mixture is base on ratio between cement and sand, e.g. (1:3 = 1 part cement & 3 parts sand)
- Mortar can either mix with hand or by a concrete mixer, the former only suitable for small quantity.
- Then, the mortar will be spread and leveled

Labour for spread and leveled of screed

Type of finishes	1 Tiler & 1 General Worker (Hr/m2)
Cement render	0.30
Granolithic pavement	0.35
Screeded bed	0.25
Floated plywood	0.28
Trowelled bed	0.30



Example – cement render

- 25mm thick cement and sand (1:3) paving with steel troweled finish to floor level or to falls not exceeding 15° from horizontal on concrete base – m2

25mm cement sand paving

Cement Mortar 1:3 - Manual Labour

1m3 cement	28 bags	RM	18.00	RM	504.00
3m3 sand	3 m3	RM	40.00	RM	120.00
				RM	624.00
1/3 shrinkage & wastage				RM	208.00
Cost for 4m3				RM	832.00
Material cost /m3				RM	208.00
Labour	2 hrs	RM	50.00	RM	100.00
Cost mortar/m3				RM	308.00
25mm thick mortar	RM	308.00	x	25/1000	RM 7.70

Cement Mortar 1:3 - Concrete mixer

Material cost/m3 RM 208.00

Machine cost/day RM 380.00 / 26 hari RM 14.62

Mixer cost/day

1 operator RM 90.00

1 general labour RM 50.00

Diesel 1.1 liter x 8 jam x RM2.30 RM 20.24

Lubricant 0.04 liter x 8 jam x RM 40.00 RM 12.80

Cost per day RM 173.04

Cost per hour RM 21.63

Output 1.25m3/hour

Mixer cost RM 21.63 / 1.25 m3 RM 17.30

Mortar cost/m3 RM 225.29

25mm thick mortar RM 225.29 x 25/1000 RM 5.63

Material cost

Mortar cost @ 25mm thick screed

	<u>Manual</u>		<u>Mixer</u>
RM	7.70	RM	5.63

Labour cost

Tiler

0.3 hrs

RM 11.25

RM	3.38	RM	3.38
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Gen labour

0.3 hrs

RM 6.25

RM	1.88	RM	1.88
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RM	5.26	RM	5.26
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15% overhead and profit

RM	1.94	RM	1.63
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Price/m2

RM	14.90	RM	12.52
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Example – screed for tiles

- 20mm thick cement and sand (1:3) screeded bed to receive ceramic tiles to floor or to falls not exceeding 15° from horizontal on concrete base – m2

Example – screed for tiles

Cement Mortar 1:3 - Manual Labour

1m3 cement	28 bags	RM	16.50	RM	462.00
3m3 sand	3 m3	RM	38.00	<u>RM</u>	<u>114.00</u>
				RM	576.00
1/3 shrinkage & wastage				<u>RM</u>	<u>192.00</u>
Cost for 4m3				RM	768.00
Material cost /m3				RM	192.00
Labour	2 hrs	RM	6.25	RM	12.50
Cost mortar/m3				RM	204.50
20mm thick mortar		RM	204.50	x	20/1000
				RM	4.09

Material cost

Mortar cost @ 20mm thick screed					RM	4.09
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Labour cost

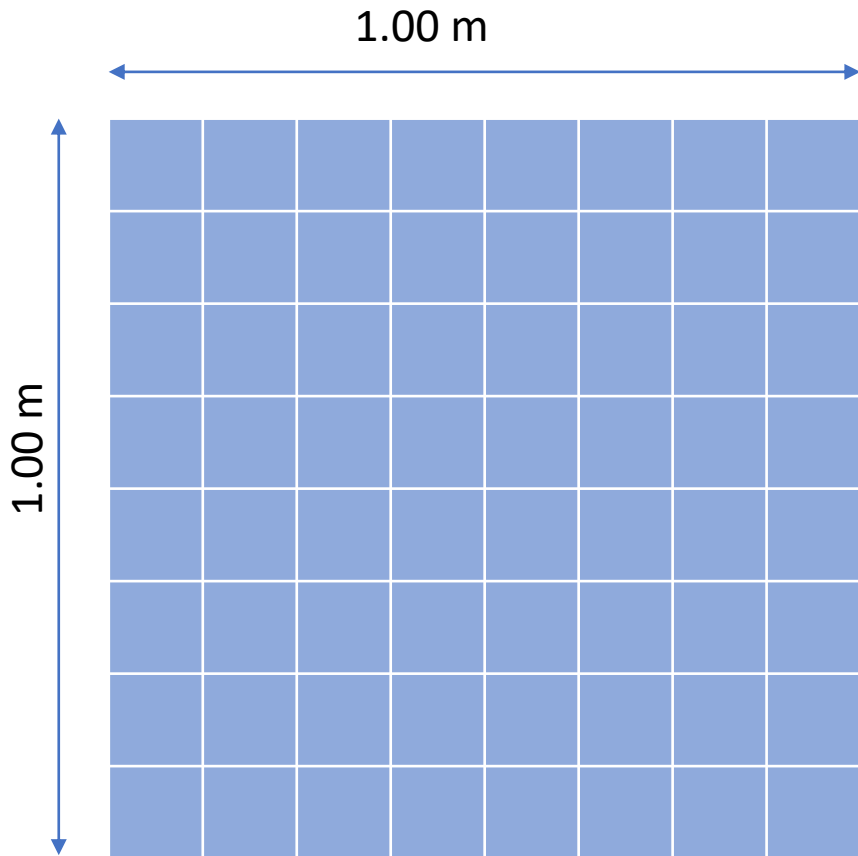
Tiler	0.25 hrs	RM	11.25		RM	2.81
Gen labour	0.25 hrs	RM	6.25		RM	1.56
					RM	8.46

15% overhead and profit					RM	1.27
Price/m2					RM	9.73

Tutorial 2 – screed for tiles

- 18mm thick cement and sand (1:3) screeded bed to receive ceramic tiles to floor or to falls not exceeding 15° from horizontal on concrete base – m²
- Assumption
 - Cement = RM18.50/bag
 - Sand = RM35/tonne
 - Tiler = RM95/day
 - Gen Worker = RM55/day

tiles



$$\text{No of tiles} = \frac{1 \text{ m}^2}{\text{Area of 1 tiles}}$$

Always allow 5% wastage for tiles. Allow 0.02m³ cement paste for 1m² of tile

Tile Size	No of tiles
100mm x 100mm	100
200mm x 200mm	25
250mm x 250mm	16
300mm x 300mm	11

Saiz jubin	1 tukang jubin dan 1 pekerja biasa (Jam/m ²)	
	Lantai	Dinding
≥ 150 mm x 150 mm	0.75	1.00
< 150 mm x 150 mm	1.90	1.25

Jadual 15.5: Output buruh pemasangan jubin.

Jadual 15.6 menunjukkan output buruh untuk memasang kam jubin dan kerja ini tidak termasuk penyediaan lapis lepa.

Ketinggian kambi jubin (mm)	1 tukang jubin dan 1 pekerja biasa (Jam/m)
75	0.20
100	0.23
125	0.26
150	0.30

Source: Abdullah, A (2006), Anggaran Kos Kerja Bangunan

Jadual 15.6: Output buruh pemasangan kambi jubin.

Example – Ceramic tile

- 200mm x 200mm x 7mm thick homogenous tile bedded, jointed and pointed in cement past to floor level or to falls not exceeding 15° from horizontal on screeded bed – m2

Ceramic floor tiles

<i><u>Material cost</u></i>	25 pcs	RM	4.50			RM	112.50
5% wastage						RM	5.63
Cement paste							
1m3 cement	28 bags	RM	16.50		RM	462.00	
5% wastage					RM	23.10	
 <i><u>Labour cost</u></i>							
Gen labour	2 hrs	RM	6.25		RM	12.50	
Cement paste 0.02m3					RM	497.60	RM 9.95
 <i><u>Install tiles to floor</u></i>							
Tiler	0.75 hrs	RM	11.25			RM	8.44
Gen labour	0.75 hrs	RM	6.25			RM	4.69
							RM 141.20
15% overhead and profit						RM	21.18
Price/m2							RM 162.38

Tutorial 3 – Ceramic tile

- 100mm x 100mm x 7mm thick homogenous tile bedded, jointed and pointed in cement past to floor level or to falls not exceeding 15° from horizontal on screeded bed – m2
- Assumption
 - Cement = RM18.50/bag
 - Homogenous tile = RM 1.20/piece
 - Tiler = RM95/day
 - Gen Worker = RM55/day

Plastering to wall & ceiling

- In general 16mm thick to wall and 12mm thick to other surfaces
- Normal mixture is 1:6, lime is added to improve the workability and delay the curing process.
- Plaster to ceiling is usually more expensive because it is more difficult to do compare to wall.



Location	1 Plasterer & 1 General Worker (Hr/m ²)
Wall	0.40
Ceiling	0.50

Example – plaster to wall

- 16mm cement and sand (1:6) plaster to wall with steel troweled finish on brickwork base – m2

16mm cement plaster (1:6)

1m3 cement	28 bags	RM	16.50	RM	462.00
6m3 sand	9.12 tonne	RM	33.00	RM	300.96
				RM	762.96
1/3 shrinkage & wastage				RM	254.32
Cost for 7m3				RM	1,017.28
Material cost /m3				RM	145.33
Labour	2 hrs	RM	6.25	RM	12.50
Cost mortar/m3				RM	157.83
16mm thick mortar	RM	157.83	x	16/1000	RM 2.53

Material cost

Mortar cost @ 16mm thick plaster					RM	2.53
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Labour cost

Plasterer	0.4 hrs	RM	11.25		RM	4.50
Gen labour	0.4 hrs	RM	6.25		RM	2.50
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					RM	7.00

15% overhead and profit					RM	1.43
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Price/m ²					RM	10.96
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Take a look at example in Pg 257 Contoh 15.8 for plaster to ceiling

Tutorial 4 – plaster to ceiling

- 12mm thick cement, lime and sand (1:1:6) plaster to ceiling with steel trowelled finish on concrete base – m2
 - Cement = RM18.50/bag
 - Sand = RM40/m³
 - Lime = RM 4.50/bag
 - Tiler = RM95/day
 - Gen Worker = RM55/day

painting

- Painting is estimated based on 100m² or area

1st coat = 8 litres

2nd coat = 8 litres

} Painting coverage of emulsion paint

Labour for painting - Painter (Hr/100 m²)

Painting undercoat/primer = 8hrs

Painting finishing coat = 9hrs

Allow additional 3% to cover for overhead such as brushes, rollers, bucket etc)

For painting to ceiling, allow 10% increase in labour cost because it is more difficult to paint compare to wall.

Example – painting

- Two coats of emulsion paint to general surfaces of plastered wall over 300mm girth internally – m² (pg 284)

Assumption:

Cost emulsion paint= RM60.00/tin 5 liter

Painting

2 layer of emulsion paint for 100m2	8 liter x 2x	<u>RM 60.00</u>		RM	192.00
		5 liter			
Labour for 100m2					
Surface preparation	2 hrs				
Paint 9hrs x 2	18hrs				
Total	<u>20hrs</u>				
Painter	20hrs	RM 11.25		RM	225.00
3% brush wastage				RM	6.75
				RM	423.75
15% overhead and profit				RM	63.60
Price @ 100m2				RM	<u>487.35</u>
Price for 1m2				RM	4.87

Tutorial 5 – painting

- Knotting, stopping, one coat primer, two coat undercoat and one coats gloss finish to general surfaces of wood over 300mm girth internally. – m²
- Sand paper RM2.00/piece
3.00 hour per 100m² Preparing surface for painting
- Filler RM8.00/kg
6.00 hour per 100m² Primering
- Shellac RM6.00/liter
4.50 hour per 100m² Applying emulsion paint
- Primer RM60.00/5liter
- Undercoat RM65.00/5liter
- Finishing cost RM90.00/5liter
- Skilled labour RM90.00/day
- Unskilled labour RM50.00/day

Ceiling panel

- Total cost will consist of:
 - Ceiling panel
 - Timber for joist and spacers
 - Nails
 - Labour

INTERNAL CEILING FINISHES

120mm x 600mm x 3.2mm thk asbestos free cement sheet to ceiling and fixing to 50mm x 100mm SPT Grade B timber joist at 1200mm centers and 50mm x 50mm spacer (nogging) fixed parallel with joist at 1200mm centers and across joist at 600mm centers-m²

Data:

1200mm x 600mm x 3.2mm thk asbestos ceiling – Rm 8.50/sheet
SPT Grade B timber – Rm 650.00/tonne
Nails – Rm 5.00/kg
Carpenter (skilled labour) – Rm 60.00/day
Unskilled labour – Rm 40.00/day

Labour constant

Skilled labour – 1.50 hr/m²
Unskilled labour – 0.25 hr/m²

Calculation

- i- Total area of ceiling (assume) = 10.00m x 6.00m
= 60m²
- ii- Total no of ceiling joist = $\frac{10,000}{1200 \text{ c/c}} = 8 + 1 = 9 \text{ nos}$
Total length of ceiling joist = 9 nos x 6.00m = 54m
- iii- Total no of ceiling spacer (nogging) = $\frac{6,000}{600 \text{ c/c}} = 10 + 1 = 11 \text{ nos}$
Total length of spacer = 11 nos
- iv- SPT Grade B timber = $\frac{\text{Rm } 650.00 \times 600\text{kg/m}^3}{1000\text{kg}}$
= Rm 390.00/m³

INTERNAL CEILING FINISHES(cont'd)

Material		
i-SPT ceiling joist (50mm x 100mm)		
$(0.05\text{m} \times 0.10\text{m} \times 54\text{m})\text{m}^3 / 60\text{m}^2 \times \text{Rm } 390.00/\text{m}^3$	Rm 105.30/60m ²	
ii-SPT ceiling spacer (nogging) (50mm x 50mm)		
$(0.05\text{m} \times 0.05\text{m} \times 110\text{m})\text{m}^3 / 60\text{m}^2 \times \text{Rm } 390.00/\text{m}^3$	Rm 107.25/60m ²	
iii-Asbestos ceiling sheet		
$\frac{60\text{m}^2}{(1.20\text{m} \times 0.60\text{m/sheet})} \times \text{Rm } 8.50/\text{sheet}$	Rm 708.33/60m ²	
	Rm 920.88/60m ²	
Cost for 1m ² = $\frac{\text{Rm } 920.88/\text{m}^2}{60\text{m}^2}$	Rm 15.35/m ²	
iv-Nails		
$0.15 \text{ kg/m}^2 \times \text{Rm } 5.00/\text{kg}$	Rm 0.75/m ²	
	Rm 16.10/m ²	
Add: 5% wastage	Rm 0.80/m ²	
		Rm 16.90/m ²
Labour		
i-skilled labour		
$1.50 \text{ hr/m}^2 \times \text{Rm } 60.00/8\text{hr}$	Rm 11.25/m ²	
ii-unskilled labour		
$0.25 \text{ hr/m}^2 \times \text{Rm } 40.00/8\text{hr}$	Rm 1.25/m ²	
		Rm 12.50/m ²
		Rm 29.40/m ²
Add: 15% profit and overhead		Rm 4.41/m ²
		Rm 33.81/m ²

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