

BUILDERITE TIP-BITS



The best advice you can be given is, you never know what you're capable of achieving unless you give it a go. Don't think about doing it, do it! None of us are natural build-it-yourselfers. We've all had to start somewhere. Take a simple task like putting a post in the ground, next thing you know you're building a fence, a shed, a house! With the right advice, products & tools you've got a good head start! HAPPY BUILDING!

TIP 1:

Plan the project well in advance. Do your research. Ask loads of questions to friends, family, specialists who have taken on similar projects and know what it takes to *builderite the first time*. Learn from their accumulated knowledge. Don't rush, take your time. If you don't have the time, don't start the job. Enjoy the experience and definitely don't work when you are tired. That's when mistakes or accidents can ruin everything. The right quality tools and products will make your job a lot easier. Quality tools will last a long time. AUSSIE BUILDERS BUILDERITE THE FIRST TIME!

TIP 2:

When digging foundations or trenches always chop out all plant or tree roots. This will prevent the slab from cracking due to root surge. See diagram 1.

TIP 3:

When mixing small batches of concrete or mortar. Minimize the mess and clean up time by using your wheel barrow. Form a neat heap, make a crater at the top, and pour in a little water. Now push in the walls with your builder's shovel, making sure no water escapes. Don't use too much water, as a sloppy mix results in weak concrete. See diagram 2.

TIP 4:

Great concrete can only be achieved by using premium quality products. No matter how good the product, it is only as good as the individual's ability to follow user and safety instructions supplied.

When filling a hole always dampen the earth in and around the area, to ensure minimum water adsorption away from concrete. Concrete requires a minimum of 24 hours to cure, 7 days curing time is optimum.

TIP 5:

Once finished concreting or brick laying always cover the surface area with a plastic sheet or damp cloth to avoid weather damage and water evaporating from the concrete during the curing process resulting in weak poor quality concrete. Concrete is the spine of most house & garden projects. It can transform, it can compliment, it can dominate. Most of all it's reliable. Be creative, use your imagination... the effort will be worth it!

TIP 6:

Always wear gloves, some protective clothing, a face mask and goggles whenever you are working with cement or bricks. Follow user & safety directions on all product packaging. HAPPY BUILDING! BUILDERITE!



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