

BUILDERITE TIP-BITS



You don't have to be an expert to take on some of those build-it-yourself projects around your home and garden. All it takes is the confidence to give it a go and the ability to follow some simple instructions. When in doubt ask your local hardware department specialist for some expert advice. Don't wait until you've painted yourself into a corner. At the first signs of losing the plot, seek guidance to put you back on the right path. Remember: The end result will always be worth the effort.

TIP 1:

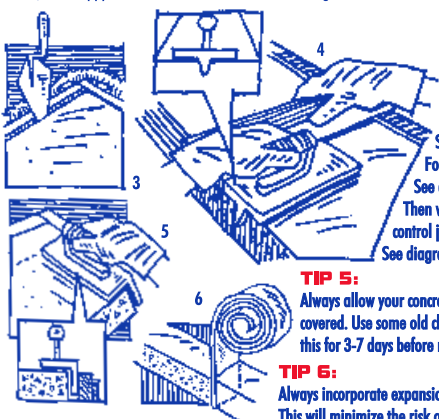
Plan the project well in advance. Do your research. Ask loads of questions to friends, family, specialists who have taken on similar projects and know what it takes to *builderite the first time*. Learn from their accumulated knowledge. Don't rush, take your time. If you don't have the time, don't start 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.

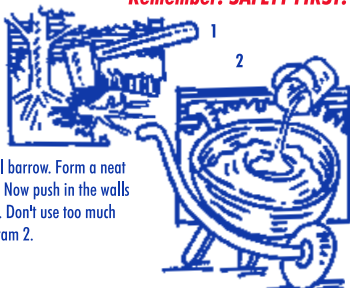


TIP 7:

Always wear gloves, 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!



Remember: **SAFETY FIRST!**



TIP 4:

Prevent concrete edges from chipping by running your pointing trowel around the inside edge of the framework. See diagram 3.

Follow this up with the right angle edging tool See diagram 5.

Then with the aid of the joint trowel, emphasise the control joints in your new concrete surface. See diagram 4.

TIP 5:

Always allow your concrete to fully cure by keeping it both moist and covered. Use some old cloth, a tarp or something similar. Leave it like this for 3-7 days before removing.

TIP 6:

Always incorporate expansion joints into new concrete work. This will minimize the risk of concrete cracking, due to expansion and contraction of concrete. See diagram 6.

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