



RowLock Bond Technology

Mason Training Board



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Row Lock Bond brick - Itafari rya Row Lock Bond

RLB bricks quality control and selection

Kugenzura no kurobanura ubwiza bwamatafari



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Urugero rubi - Atemewe gukoreshwa

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Urugero rwiza - Kurobanura

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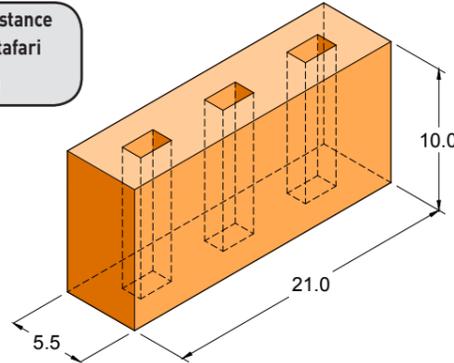
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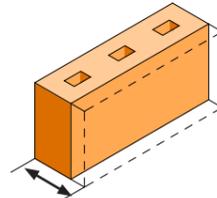
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Amatafari ya kijyambere, ibipimo byuzuye kandi akomeye

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ubukomere bwitafari
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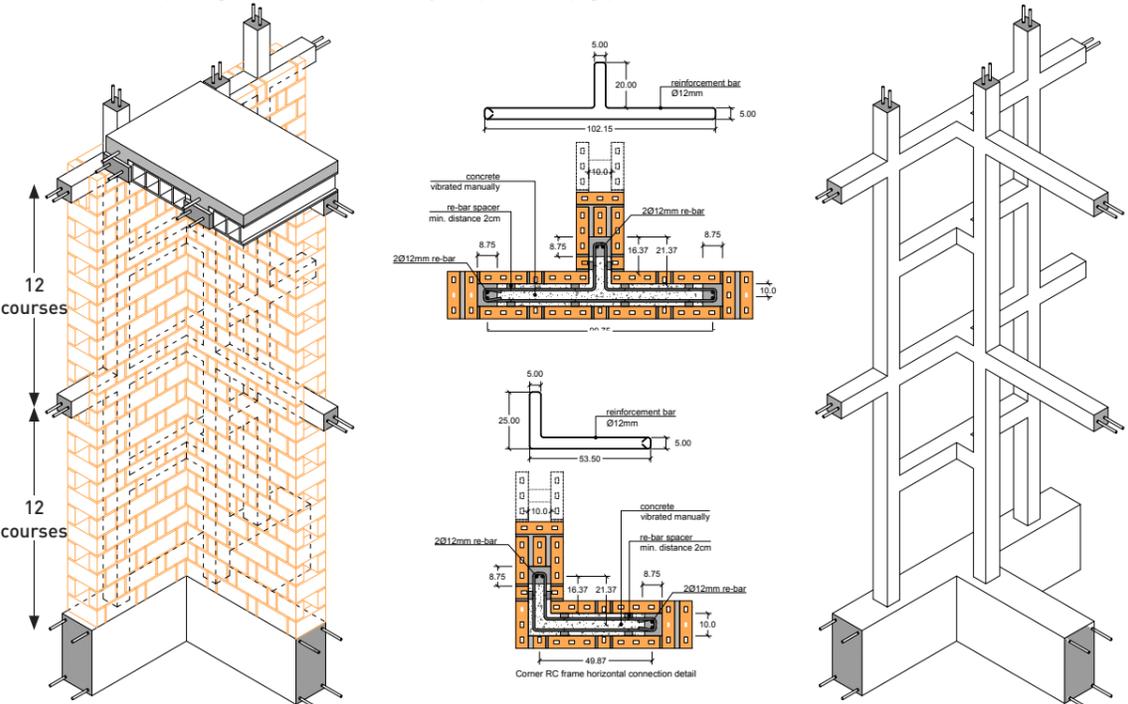
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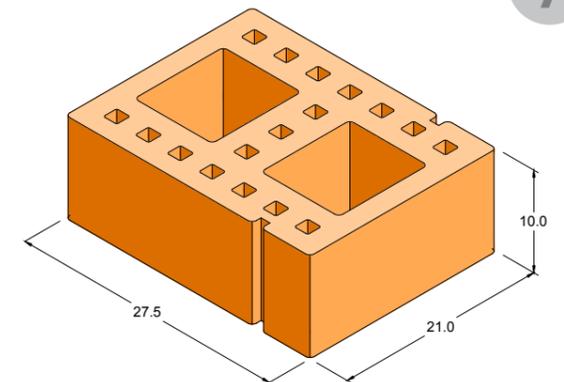
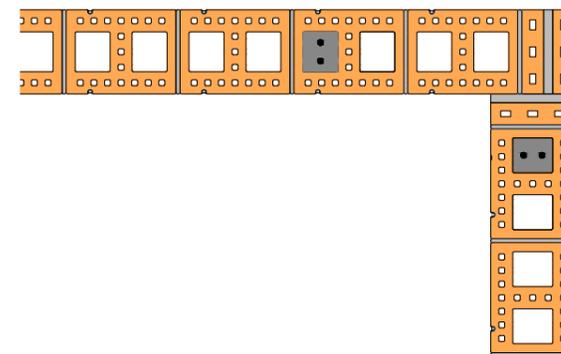
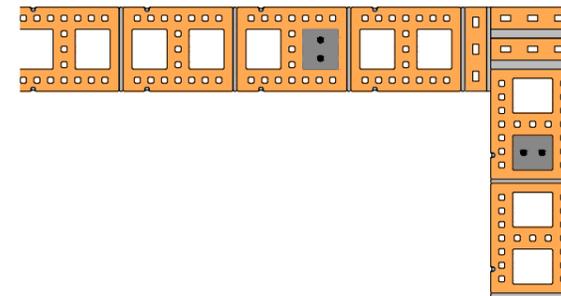
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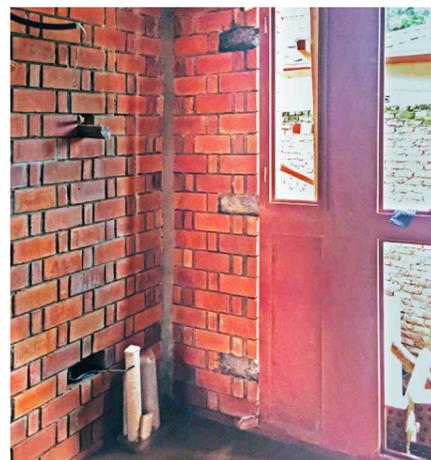
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- mark position of conduits/pipes during wall construction with marked bricks/discarded bricks
- when installing the fixture, remove marked stretcher brick
- align sockets/switches and check level

Kugenzura no guhitamo :

- kugaragaza ahazaca umuyoboro/amatiyo mu kubaka urukuta hakoreshejwe itafari ririho ikimenyetso cg risimbuzwa nyuma gukura mu rukuta itafari rifite ikimenyetso mu gihe cyo gushiramo ibikoresho by'amashanyarazi (inteributeri/purise)
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11 Wall cleaning - Isuku y'urukuta

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Checklist

- keep walls as clean as possible at all times.
- in order to remove cement marks and smudges clean bricks with a mixture of water and vinegar

Isuku y'urukuta

- urukuta rugomba guhora rusa neza
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TIMBER Slab - Dare y'imbaho

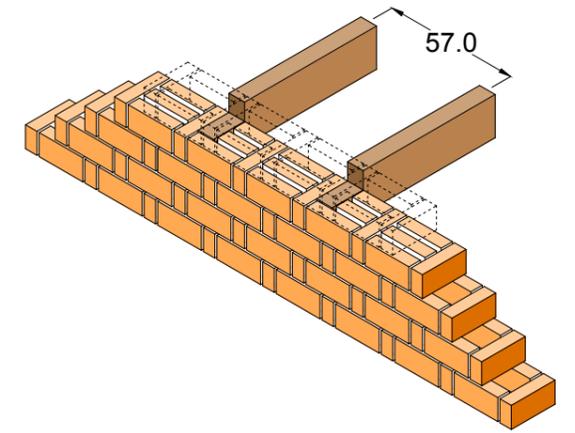
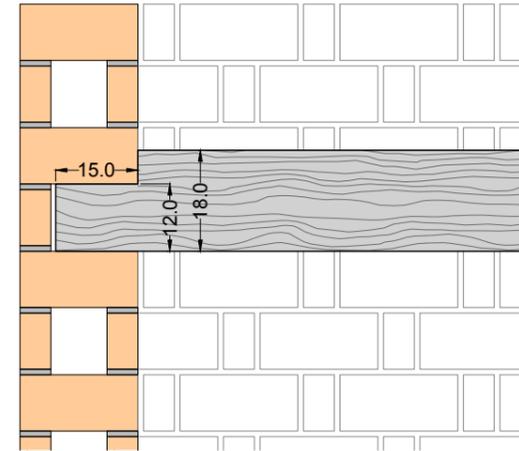


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Amabwiriza kuri dare y'ibiti:

- ubwiza bw'urubaho
- urugero rwo kuma (moisture content, $\leq 15\%$)
- kuba rumeze nabi cyangwa rufite imitutu/imisate
- kurusiga umuti urwanya umuswa/imungu mbere yo kurukoresha
- gufunika imitwe mbere yo gukoresha putere y'urubaho



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MAXSPAN in-situ SLAB - Dare ya hurudi

Reinforced concrete beams (or ribs) and top 4cm thick screed cast in-situ within MAXSPAN clay pot rows.

The reinforcement and the MAXSPANS are placed on the formwork and connected to the wall structure prior to casting the concrete.

Putere za beton na couche yo hejuru ya beton ifite umubyimba wa cm 4 bimenywa beto mu myanya babyo (cast in-situ) hamwe na za hurudi. Ibyuma na hurudi bishyirwa kuri cofuraje bikanafatanywa n'urukuta rw'amatafari mbere yo kumena beto.



IN-SITU MAXSPAN slab checklist:

- mount the timber formwork
- place the beams reinforcements and connect them the wall tie-beam waiting bars
- add spacers to the reinforcement bars
- position the MAXSPAN clay pots in between the reinforcement bars
- check levels and alignments
- add top screed wire mesh within the beams reinforcements
- add spacers underneath the screed mesh
- cast the concrete beams and top screed at the same time
- complete the slab by finishing the top concrete surface according to the desired finish level
- remove formwork only after 28 days

Amabwiriza ya dare ya hurudi bameneyeho (in-situ):

- kubaka kofuraje y'ibiti
- gushyiraho ibyuma bya putere no kubihuza /kubifatanya nibyo muri putere/korone zo mu rukuta
- gushyira karabeto mu byuma
- gushyira hurudi hagati y'ibyuma
- gusuzuma indara no kuzinyorosha/kuzishyira kumurongo
- gushyiraho agatanda ko hejuru k'ibyuma kakanafata n'ibyuma bya putere
- gushyira karabeto munsu yagatanda k'ibyuma /hagati y'agatanda na hurudi
- kumena beto ya za putere niyagatanda ko hejuru icyarimwe
- kurangiza kumena beto hakorwa na finisaje bitewe n'urugero rwa finisaje yifuzwa
- gukuraho igikwa/Kofuraje nibura nyuma y'iminsi 28



MAXSPAN precast SLAB: the precast beams - Dare ya Hurudi - putere zarakozwe mbere

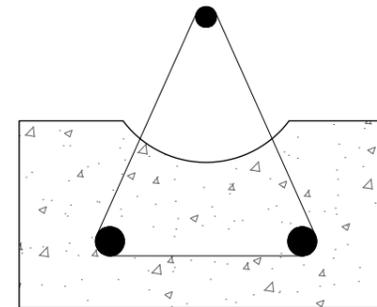


PRECAST BEAMS checklist:

- position the metallic formworks on an even surface
- double check leveling
- cut, bend and tie together re-bars and stirrups as per structural specifications
- position the reinforcement bars
- the size of the bars must be confirmed by a structural engineer
- add concrete spacers below and side of the re-bars
- cast the concrete and vibrate with a mechanical vibrator
- scratch portion of the concrete below the top re-bar
- remove from formwork only after 14 days and use only after 28 days

Amabwiriza kuri PUTERE ZAKOZWE MBERE

- gushyira iforomo zibyuma ahantu haringaniye
- kongera gusuzuma indara
- gukata no kuzinga ibyuma hakurikijwe ibishushanyo byagenwe
- gushyira ibyuma mu myanya yabyo
- umurambararo n'uko ibyuma bizingwa byemezwa n'umwenganyeri ubizobereye
- gushyira karabeto muni no kumpande zibyuma
- kumena beto igatsindagirwa hakoreshejwe imashini
- gukuraho beto yo hejuru hagasigara hataringaniye kugirango izahure nindi neza
- putere bayikura mwiforomo nibura nyuma y'iminsi 7, nanone ibishobora kuzamurwa hejuru nibura nyuma y'iminsi 14 ariko igakomeza itezwe nibikwa.



Maxspan pre-cast beam section

kupe ya dare ya hurudi kuri putere zarakozwe mbere

MAXSPAN precast SLAB

Dare ya Hurudi - putere zarakozwe mbere

Dry installation of pre-cast reinforced concrete beams and MAXSPAN clay pots.

The slab is then finished with 4cm of concrete screed.

Gushyira putere zakozwe mbere mu myanya yazo hanyuma ugashiraho hurudi. Gushyiraho agatanda ko hejuru kibyuma hanyuma dare ikarangizwa no kumena beto ifite cm 4 na finisaje.



PRECAST SLAB checklist:

- mount the timber formwork
- hoist the pre-cast beams over formwork
- place MAXSPAN clay pots and check alignments
- add top screed wire mesh within the beams reinforcements
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Amabwiriza kuri Dare ya Hurudi

- kubaka cofuraje mu biti (gutega dare)
- kuzamura putere hejuru kuri kofuraje
- gushyiraho urudi hakanagenzurwa ko ziri kumurongo umwe
- gushyiraho agatanda kibyuma ko hejuru kakanafatana n'ibyuma bya putere
- gushyira karabeto muni yagatanda k'ibyuma kumena beto ya kushe yo hejuru
- dare irangira hakorwa finisaje ya kushe yo hejuru nanone bitewe n'urugero finisaje ikeneho
- kofurage ikurwaho nibura nyuma y'iminsi 28



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Use safety equipment at all times. Always use the tools in the toolbox for optimal results.
Koresha ibikoresho by'ubwirinzi igihe cyose. Koresha ibikoresho by'umufundi igihe cyose kandi neza ku-girango wubake neza kandi ubone umubyizi ushimishije.

TOOLBOX - Ibikoresho by'umufundi

- Tape measure - Imetero
- Strings - Ikamba
- Spirit level - Nivo yamazizi
- Water hose level - Nivo yumupira
- Trowel - Umwiko
- Hammers - Inyundo
- 1cm re-bar - Ferabeto yicumi ya juwe
- Plummet - Firaporo (fil a plomp)
- Timber boards - Akabaho kabuza sima kugwa mu myenge yo mu rukuta



SAFETY EQUIPMENT - Ibikoresho byubwirinzi

- Helmet - Ingofero
- Overall - Isarubeti/itaburiya
- Safety boots - Inkweto zubwirinzi
- Gloves - Gants (ga)
- Mask - Masiki/Agapfukamunwa
- Goggles - Amataratara/Amadarubindi yo kurinda amaso
- First aid kit - Agasanduku kibikoresho byubutabazi



SETTING OUT - GUPIMA INZU

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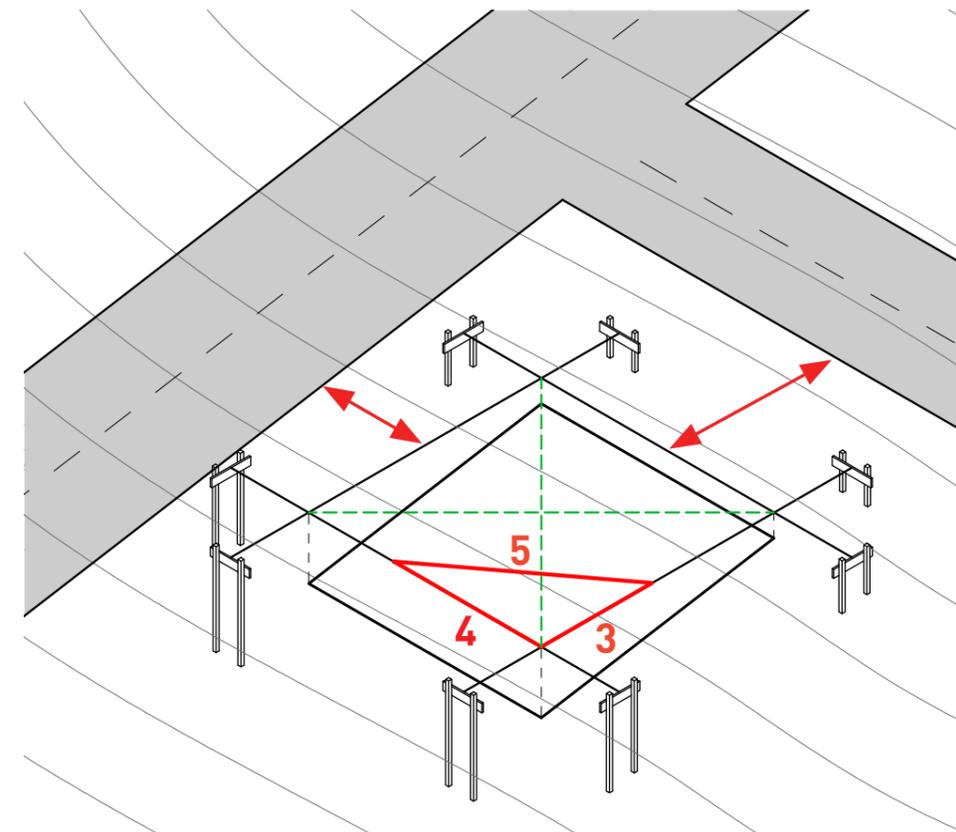


Set benchmark

- verify distance to boundaries
- consider existing infrastructure (electrical, plumbing)
- read drawings carefully

Gushyiraho /kugaragaza ifatizo:

- gupima uherye ku mbago /ku ifatizo
- kwita kubikorwa remezo bihari(amazi, amashanyarazi, imiyoboro ya murandasi nibindi..)
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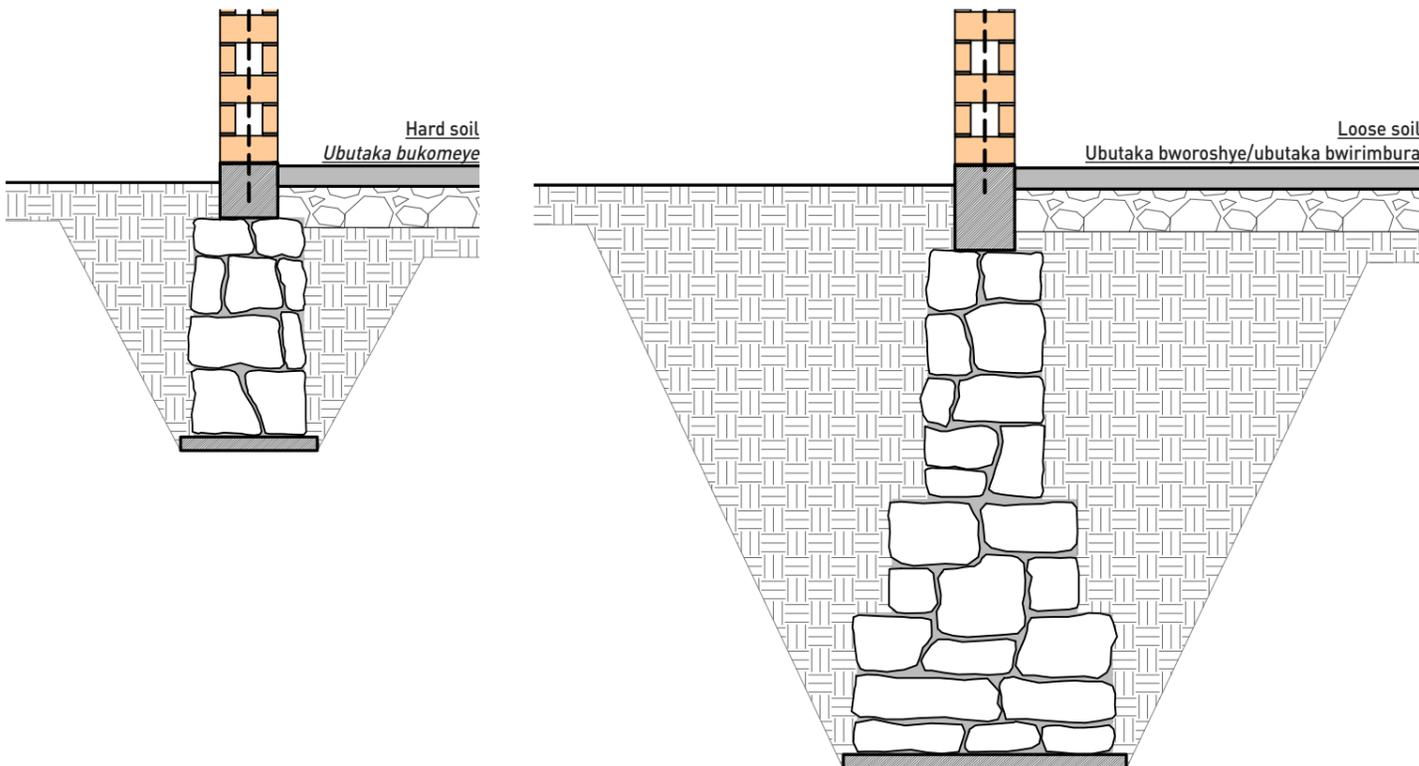
FOUNDATION - FONDASIYO

Foundation components:

- concrete blinding (thickness 5cm)
- stone masonry foundation up to resistant soil
- reinforced concrete ground beam
- embed vertical re-bars as per structural design
- add drainage pipe in case of rising underground water table

Ibice bigize fondasiyo

- Beto y'isuku (umubyimba wa cm 5)
- Fondation y'amabuye uherye ku butaka bukomeye
- Rongirine (Longrine)
- Ibyuma bihagaze bya colone bifatira muri rongirine
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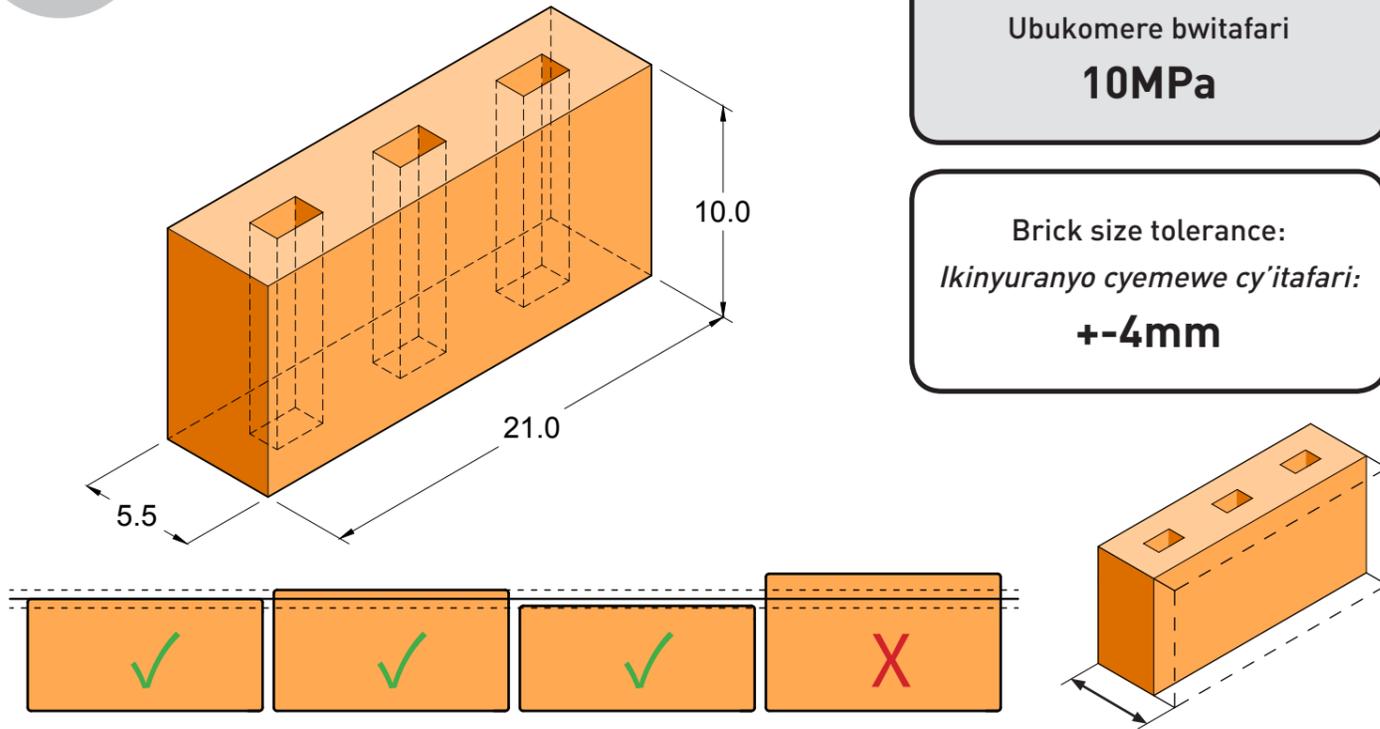
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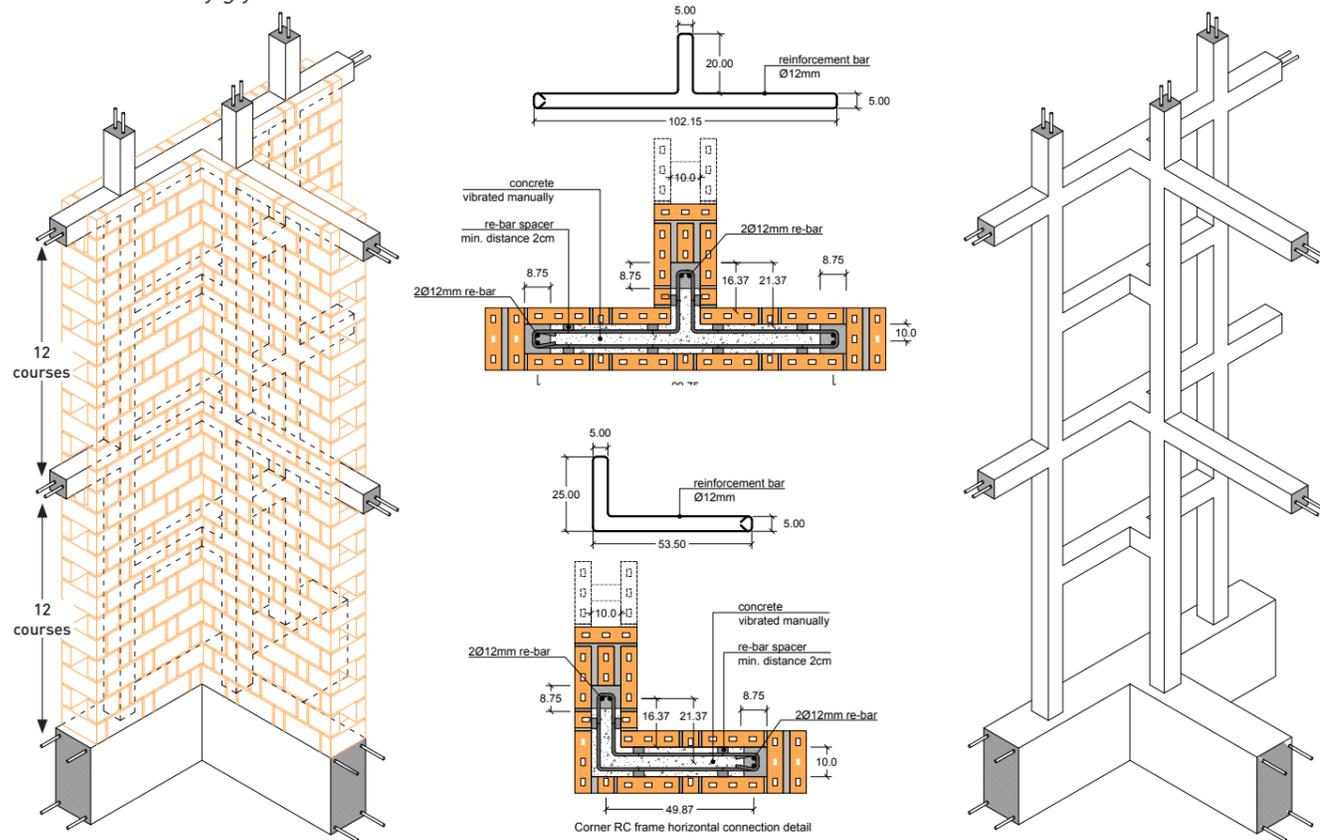
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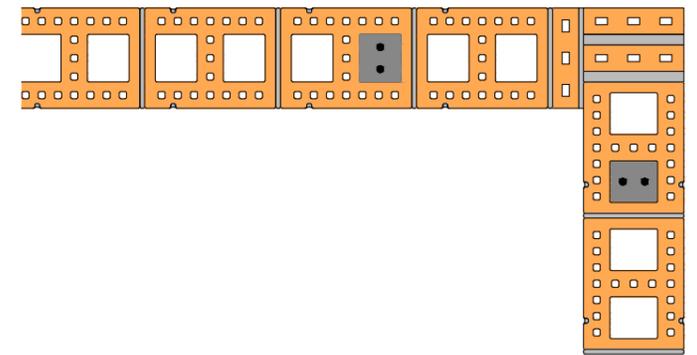
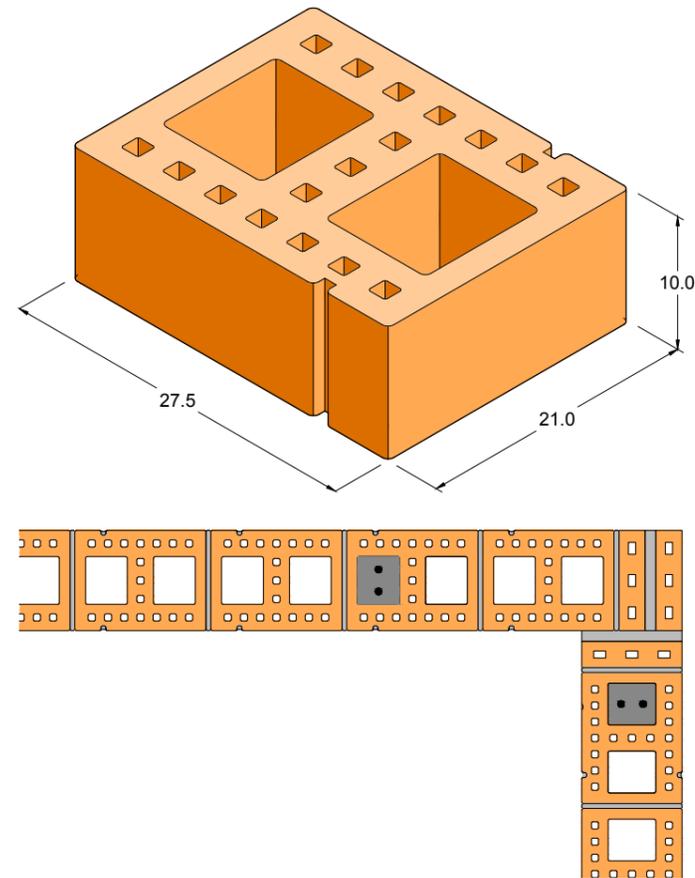
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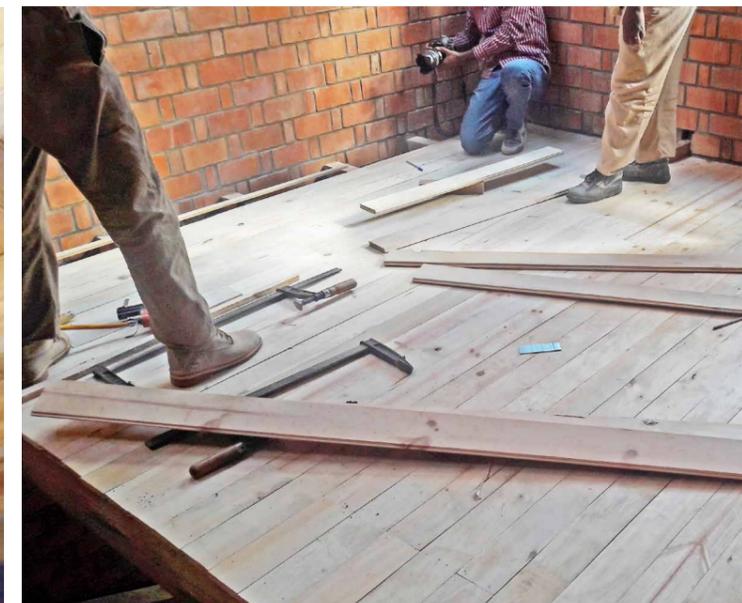
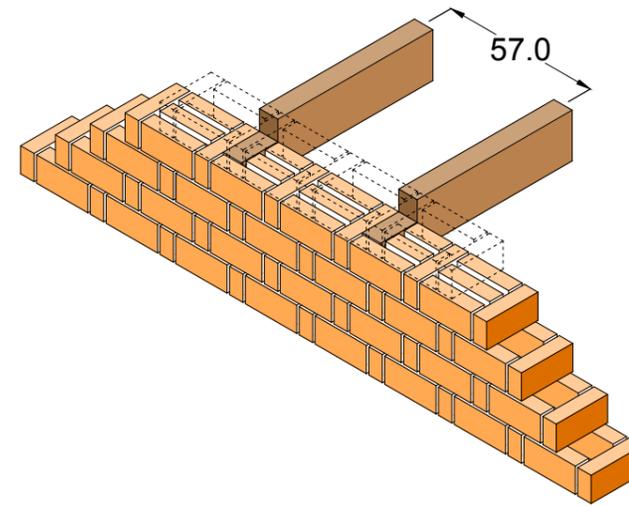
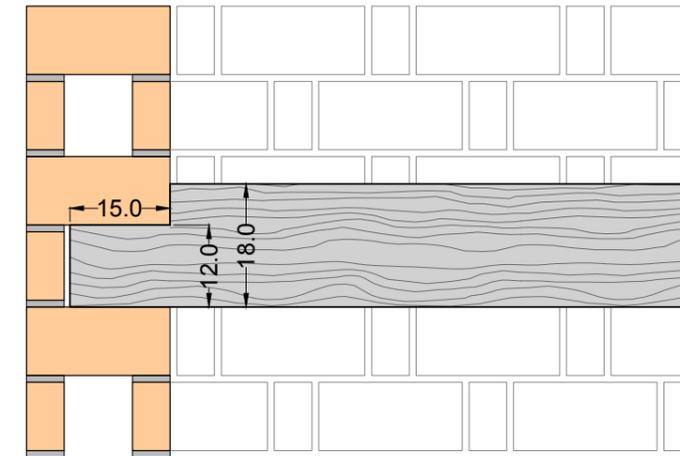
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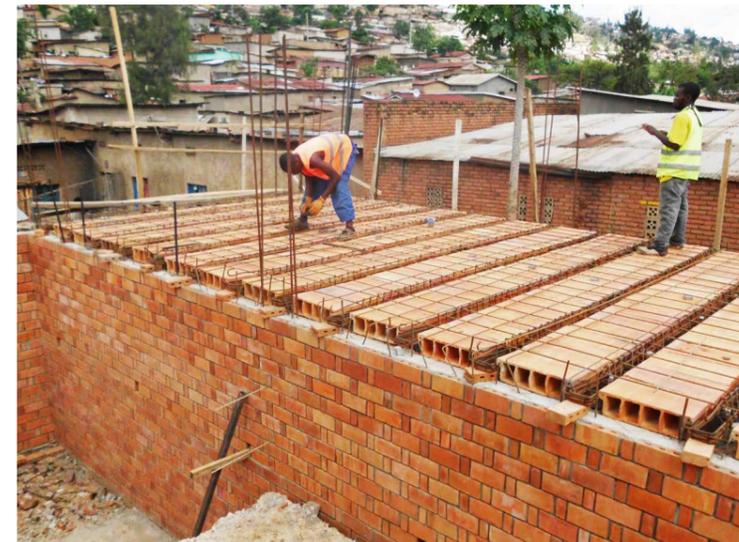


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MAXSPAN in-situ SLAB - Dare ya hurudi

Reinforced concrete beams (or ribs) and top 4cm thick screed cast in-situ within MAXSPAN clay pot rows. The reinforcement and the MAXSPANS are placed on the formwork and connected to the wall structure prior to casting the concrete.

Putere za beton na couche yo hejuru ya beton ifite umubyimba wa cm 4 bimenerwa beto mu myanya babyo (cast in-situ) hamwe na za hurudi. Ibyuma na hurudi bishyirwa kuri cofuraje bikanafatanywa n'urukuta rw' amatafari mbere yo kumena beto.



IN-SITU MAXSPAN slab checklist:

- mount the timber formwork
- place the beams reinforcements and connect them the wall tie-beam waiting bars
- add spacers to the reinforcement bars
- position the MAXSPAN clay pots in between the reinforcement bars
- check levels and alignments
- add top screed wire mesh within the beams reinforcements
- add spacers underneath the screed mesh
- cast the concrete beams and top screed at the same time
- complete the slab by finishing the top concrete surface according to the desired finish level
- remove formwork only after 28 days

Amabwiriza ya dare ya hurudi bameneyeho (in-situ):

- kubaka kofuraje y'ibiti
- gushyiraho ibyuma bya putere no kubihuza /kubifatanya nibyo muri putere/korone zo mu rukuta
- gushyira karabeto mu byuma
- gushyira hurudi hagati y'ibyuma
- gusuzuma indara no kuzinyorosha/kuzishyira kumurongo
- gushyiraho agatanda ko hejuru k'ibyuma kakanafata n'ibyuma bya putere
- gushyira karabeto munsi yagatanda k'ibyuma /hagati y'agatanda na hurudi
- kumena beto ya za putere niyagatanda ko hejuru icyarimwe
- kurangiza kumena beto hakorwa na finisaje bitewe n'urugero rwa finisaje yifuzwa
- gukuraho igikwa/Kofuraje nibura nyuma y'iminsi 28



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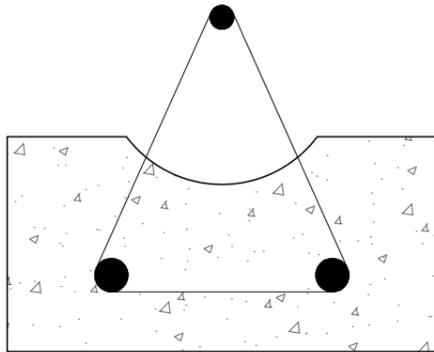
MAXSPAN precast SLAB: the precast beams
Dare ya Hurudi: putere zarakozwe mbere

PRECAST BEAMS checklist:

- position the metallic formworks on an even surface
- double check leveling
- cut, bend and tie together re-bars and stirrups as per structural specifications
- position the reinforcement bars
- the size of the bars must be confirmed by a structural engineer
- add concrete spacers below and side of the re-bars
- cast the concrete and vibrate with a mechanical vibrator
- scratch portion of the concrete below the top re-bar
- remove from formwork only after 14 days and use only after 28 days

Amabwiriza kuri PUTERE ZAKOZWE MBERE

- gushyira iforomo zibyuma ahantu haringaniye
- kongera gusuzuma indara
- gukata no kuzinga ibyuma hakurikijwe ibishushanyo byagenwe
- gushyira ibyuma mu myanya yabyo
- umurambararo n'uko ibyuma bizingwa byemezwa n'umwengenyeri ubizobereye
- gushyira karabeto munsu no kumpande zibyuma
- kumena beto igatsindagirwa hakoreshejwe imashini
- gukuraho beto yo hejuru hagasigara hataringaniye kugirango izahure nindi neza
- putere bayikura mwiforomo nibura nyuma y'iminsi 7 ,nanone ibishobora kuzamurwa hejuru nibura nyuma y'iminsi 14 ariko igakomeza itezwe nibikwa.



Maxspan pre-cast beam section

kupe ya dare ya hurudi kuri putere zarakozwe mbere

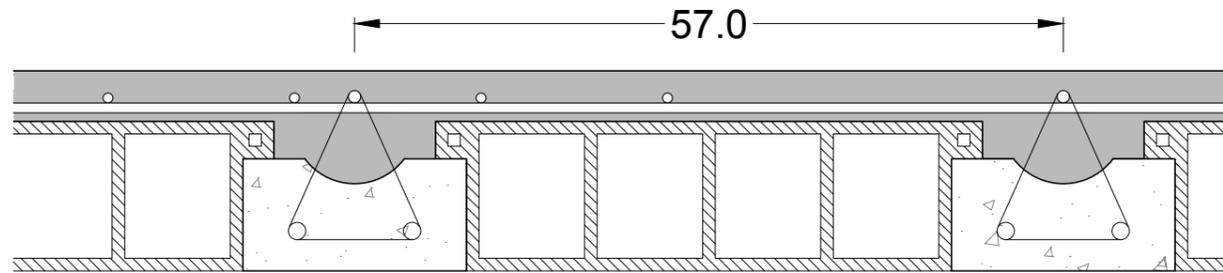


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MAXSPAN precast SLAB - Dare ya Hurudi - putere zarakozwe mbere

Dry installation of pre-cast reinforced concrete beams and MAXSPAN clay pots. The slab is then finished with 4cm of concrete screed.

Gushyira putere zakozwe mbere mu myanya yazo hanyuma ugashiraho hurudi. Gushyiraho agatanda ko hejuru kibyuma hanyuma dare ikarangizwa no kumena beto ifite cm 4 na finisaje.



Maxspan beams spacing - Intera hagati ya putere za hurudi

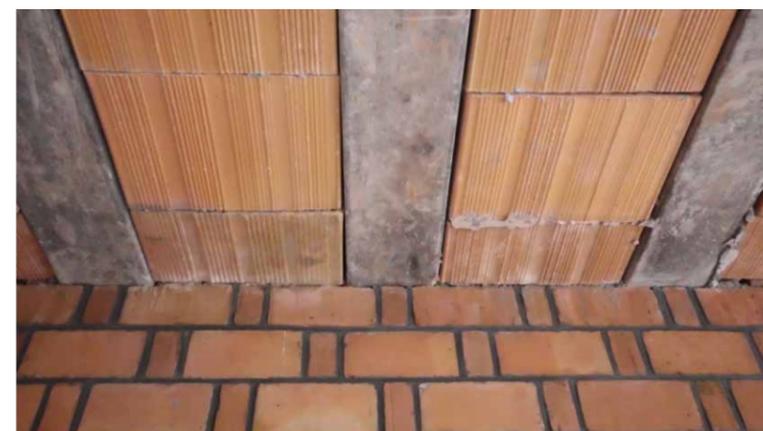


PRECAST SLAB checklist:

- mount the timber formwork
- hoist the pre-cast beams over formwork
- place MAXSPAN clay pots and check alignments
- add top screed wire mesh within the beams reinforcements
- add spacers underneath the screed mesh
- cast the top concrete screed
- complete the slab by finishing the top concrete surface according to the desired finish level
- remove formwork only after 28 days

Amabwiriza kuri Dare ya Hurudi

- *kubaka cofuraje mu biti (gutega dare)*
- *kuzamura putere hejuru kuri kofuraje*
- *gushyiraho urudi hakanagenzurwa ko ziri kumurongo umwe*
- *gushyiraho agatanda kibyuma ko hejuru kakanafatana n'ibyuma bya putere*
- *gushyira karabeto muni yagatanda k'ibyuma*
- *kumena beto ya kushe yo hejuru*
- *dare irangira hakorwa finisage ya kushe yo hejuru nanone bitewe n'urugero finisaje ikenewehe*
- *kofurage ikurwaho nibura nyuma y'iminsi 28*



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