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Build a Home Fire Pit with Adbri Masonry Miniwall® Blocks

Builds a round pit 1200mm wide, 375mm high

A fire pit is a DIY friendly addition to your backyard that will become a focal point and bring people together on cool nights. When installed correctly, with concrete barrier blocks around a steel dish, fire pits can be a safe, enjoyable garden feature.

MATERIALS

O 63 x Miniwall® blocks (21 per course)

O 2 x 20kg bags of sand

O 1 x Metal Fire Pit insert

O 1 x Bag of fire wood

O 1 x Bag of kindling

O 1 x Firelighter

TOOLS

O Gloves (recommended when picking up and handling blocks)

O Tape Measure

O Shovel

O String line

O Timber pegs

O Spray paint

O Level

O Brush (optional)









PREPARATION

Find a suitable area for your fire pit, some tips for consideration:

- 1. Always try to leave at least 2.5 meters from windows and doors to the fire pit flame to ensure those enjoying time indoors don't experience the smoky smell.
- 2. Don't place fire pit directly atop of timber decks or under trees with overhanging branches

Once you have selected a suitable location, measure out your fire pit by hammering in a timber peg, attaching a 700mm length of string and use it to paint a circle in the grass that should be about 1400mm in diameter.

Remove the peg and dig within this painted border to 50mm below ground level.

Note: If building on existing paved area, you can build directly on top of this. If you have grass, it is optional to remove all grass within the circle area.

CREATING THE BASE

It's important to start neat and level, so the first course is most important!

In the area you have prepared, use the peg and string line again to mark out another circle with a diameter of 1200mm. This will be the outer edge of your fire pit.

Now spread the sand at to create the foundation for the base layer. Use your level to ensure the foundation is suitable. (Sand to be approximately the width of the block around the circle).

LAYING BLOCKS

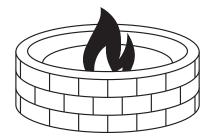
Lay your first course of Miniwall blocks using the level to ensure they are even. 21 Miniwall blocks will form a perfect circle for without any gaps (you may need to slightly adjust blocks once they are all down).

Once the first course is completed, use a brush to sweep off the tops

of the blocks from dirt and debris from the tops of the blocks - this will ensure it is nice and flat for the second

Complete this process for the remaining 2 courses, keeping the walls perfectly vertical.

Position the blocks in a stretcher bond pattern so that each block sits atop the join of the blocks below.



Blocks arranged in stretcher bond pattern

FINISHING UP

Place your metal fire pit within the pit.

Then grab kindling, wood, marshmallows and the family and you're ready to enjoy your first fire pit!

Optional: you can sprinkle some gravel or decorative stone within the circle and then place the steel fire pit in the centre.







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