

Ending or Stepping Down The Wall

Techniques for Ending The Wall



The AB Courtyard Collection is designed to let you easily step down or end the walls in a number of ways. Here are four popular examples:

Use Corner Blocks to End the Wall

Option 1:

Step 1: Place Corner Blocks as the last block so that the blocks step back on each course to give the wall a finished look.

Step 2: Secure the Wall Caps in place with a bead of masonry adhesive along both sides of the raised rings and along the side of each Wall Cap.



Corner Block



Wall Cap

Use Extra Wall Caps for a Staggered Look

Option 2:

This option requires cutting a Wall Cap to fill a gap on each course.

Step 1: Place blocks on each course to end the wall in the look you want. The larger the space between courses, the longer the staggered look will be.

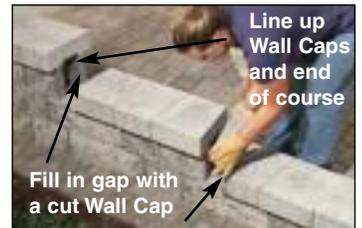
Step 2: Place Wall Caps on the panel with the Wall Cap even with the course below. This will leave a gap where a Wall Cap will need to be measured and cut to fit. See *How-to sheet #210* for information on splitting and cutting blocks.

Step 3: Once the cut blocks are installed, place another Wall Cap where the course steps down to give the end a finished look.

Step 4: Secure the Wall Caps in place with a bead of masonry adhesive along both sides of the raised rings and along the side of each Wall Cap.



Measure and mark for the Wall Cap



Fill in gap with a cut Wall Cap

Line up Wall Caps and end of course



Extra Wall Cap



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Use Corner Blocks for a Gradual Step Down

Option 3:

This option may require cutting a Wall Cap to fill a gap on each course.

Step 1: Place blocks on each course to end the wall in the look you want. The larger the space between courses, the longer the staggered look will be.

Step 2: Place Wall Caps on the panel with the cap tight against the Corner Block that is ending the course above.

Step 3: If the gap at the end of the wall is not the look you desire, slide the entire course of caps to the end of the wall, measure the gap and cut a Wall Cap to fit. See Option 2 for more information. See *How-to sheet #210* for information on splitting and cutting blocks.

Step 4: Secure the Wall Caps in place with a bead of masonry adhesive along both sides of the raised rings and along the side of each Wall Cap.

Ending Wall at a Post/Pillar

Option 4:

End the wall panel at a post/pillar for a dramatic effect. Split blocks will be used on every course where the wall panel meets up with the post/pillar. See *How-to sheet #210* for more information on splitting and cutting blocks.

Step 1: The blocks that will meet up with the post/pillar will need to be split blocks. Layout the wall panel leaving a 6 in. (150 mm) space to allow for the split block. Our example here uses an end-split block on one course and a center-split block on the next course alternating on every course.

Step 2: Place the split block at the end of the wall panel. Next, layout the post/pillar by placing 4 Corner Blocks with their long sides facing.

Step 3: Install the next course of wall panel, ending again with a split block where it meets up with the post/pillar.

Step 4: Stack another course of Corner Blocks, alternating the pattern to offset the seams from the course below. Do not stack the blocks up in stacked bond (seams should not create a straight line the full height of the post/pillar). See *How-to sheet #220* for more information on building posts/pillars.

Step 5: Continue stacking in this process until the height of post/pillar and wall are achieved. Finish with Wall Caps and Post Caps.

Step 6: Secure the Wall Caps in place with a bead of masonry adhesive along both sides of the raised rings and along the side of each Wall Cap. Place adhesive on the outside edge of the Corner Blocks to secure the Post Caps.



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