

The Impact of Grout

To a remarkable degree, impressive grout techniques, both in color hue and finished joint methods, significantly enhance the beauty and authenticity of Eldorado Brick installations. From exterior brick veneer to brick fireplace surrounds, using Eldorado Brick with any of a number of notable grout techniques assures you, not only of the old-world charm you desire, but the believability you expect.

Standard Joint Grout

In this illustration, Castello RomaBrick is installed with a gray grout in a standard, raked joint finish. A joiner or other blunt masonry instrument is used to achieve a consistent depth which creates the familiar concave, raked out look to the mortar.



Overgrout Grout

When you compare this photograph with the photo of the standard joint, you'll notice how different the brick looks. In both instances, Castello RomaBrick was selected, but the grout technique makes the brick look much different. The same gray grout is used but the mortar overlaps the face of the brick, widening the joints and producing an irregular, rustic look.

Weep Joint Grout

Riverbed TundraBrick demonstrates a most dynamic and expressive technique often called "weep." The colored grout literally oozes out of the joints to appear as though there's been too much grout squeezed into the joints. The distinctive "weeping" creates the unique surface texture seen in many installations.



Bead Joint Grout

Cleaner-looking and more controlled than a weep joint, this technique has grout still extruding beyond the brick face. Riverbed TundraBrick used here is the same brick as used in the weep joint photo, but with different visual results. In both circumstances, the grout color and technique alters the face of the brick slightly.



Grapevine Joint Grout

Here, Panzano ModenaBrick with a colored grout is featured with a unique technique often referred to as a grapevine joint. Dragging a thin, blunt instrument (not unlike a twig) along the middle of the wet grout – horizontally and vertically – scores the grout leaving a thin visible linear cavity.



Full Joint Grout

When you compare this grout technique with the photo of the grapevine joint, you can see how grout technique influences the perception of the installed brick. Once again, using Panzano ModenaBrick with a colored grout, this full joint is similar to a standard joint. However, the grout level is almost flush with the face of the brick, slightly exposing the edge detail.

