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Bricks cracked? No problem

By Tresa Erickson

You have a lot of exposed brick in your home. You love the character it brings to your space, but recently, you noticed that one of the bricks has a huge crack in it and is starting to crumble. You really need to take care of the matter before it gets worse. If you are handy, you may be able to chip out the brick yourself and replace it.

To chip out the brick, you will need a power drill, a 6mm masonry bit, a hammer and a cold chisel. Drill several holes in the brick and mortar surrounding it. Then using the chisel and the hammer, chip out the mortar surrounding the brick. Use the end of your chisel to remove all of the pieces and chip out any remaining mortar.

If you haven't purchased a replacement brick already, take a piece of the old brick to a masonry supply center and purchase a new brick to match. With any luck, the center will have an exact match. If not, you will have to get as close of a match as possible.

To install the new brick, you will need a spray bottle of

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