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## PLAN YOUR NEXT D.I.Y. PROJECT RIGHT FROM THE START.

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We've given you expert advice on what materials you'll need and step-by-step instructions on how to get the job done right, first time.

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## SETTING & POURING FOUNDATIONS



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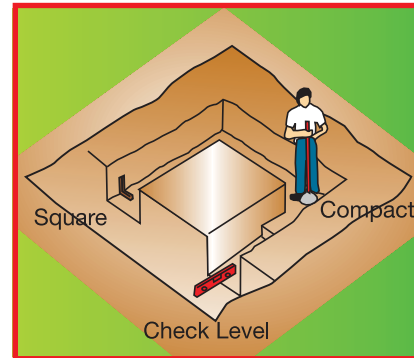
Correct setting of the foundation is important to ensure that the concrete base is of the correct thickness and width. A base too deep will waste concrete and this base will not provide the stability to take the load.

## TOOLS REQUIRED

- Spirit Level
- String / Nylon
- Spade
- Hammer
- Square
- Compactor
- Brick Course Gauge
- Wooden Straight Edge
- Wheelbarrow
- Pick



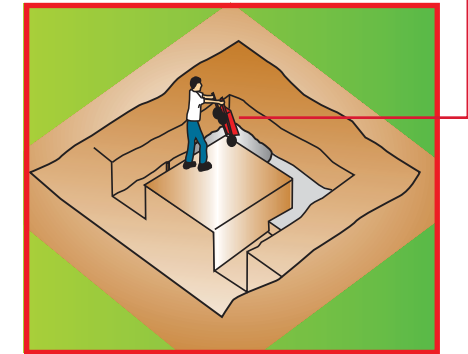
## STEP 1



When digging is complete, to a depth of  $\pm 600\text{mm}$ , ensure the sides are plumb, and the bottom level.

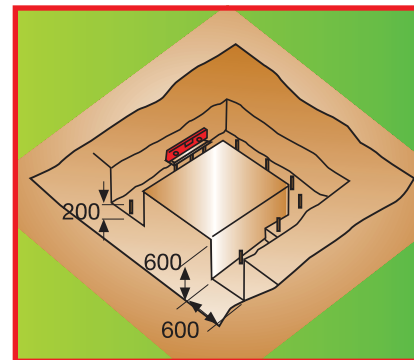
## STEP 3

Pour from the corner furthest away from the mixing site.



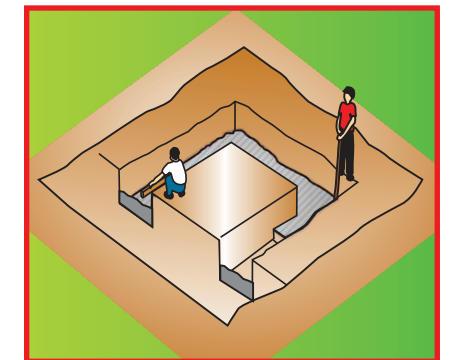
After mixing concrete pour into the foundation starting from one end. Keep level to the height of the pegs. Pour all concrete in one day.

## STEP 2



Put pegs in the bottom of the trench, about 1,5m apart and 200mm high. This will mark the depth of the concrete. Steps in the base should be the same height as a brick course. **All pegs must be completely level.**

## STEP 4



Level the concrete to the pegs and ram down to remove air spaces. Leave to set for **3 days** before building.