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1. Find the Appropriate Cleavage Plane
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YOU'LL NEED:

[Slate bricks](#) →

- Chisel (pointed)
- Hammer

1. Find the Appropriate Cleavage Plane

Locate a natural cleavage plane in the brick that best matches the height needed for your wall.

2. Strike with a Chisel

Place the chisel directly on the stripe (cleavage plane). Strike the chisel with short and precise blows until the brick splits.



3. Trimming

Sometimes, parts of the next cleavage layer might remain, causing a rough edge. This is easily “trimmed” away by positioning the chisel relatively horizontally against the remaining part of the cleavage layer and striking it off.