

# The Face of Natural Beauty



# There is no substitute for the look of natural stone when you are turning your home into your castle.

Brikstone veneers look so real that they capture all of the elegance and stately appeal of authentic stone and brick, but because it is a stone reproduction it is significantly less expensive to install.

It is also exceptionally durable and much lighter than natural stone so it doesn't require additional structural support as natural stone might. Best of all it is offered in a wide array of styles, patterns and colours, making it perfect for just about any look you are trying to create.

# Let us remodel the face of your wall without rebuilding or altering the original structural integrity.

Reconstituted brick and stone veneer... an ecological, affordable and attractive home improvement solution

# **Brikstone Manufactured Veneers**

Beauty that is ... SKIN DEEP

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Manufactured stone veneer is a generic term and is often referred to using many different names e.g. Reconstituted stone, Faux stone, Engineered stone, Cultured stone – the list goes on. Manufactured stone veneer can be used for interior and exterior non-structural uses. This man made stone is a light weight veneer facing that can be applied to a variety of surfaces including masonry, metal framed or wood framed construction providing a variety of architectural aesthetics.

**Manufactured stone** is handcrafted from moulds using individually selected stones that create elegant replicas of the real thing. Stone veneer is cast from a mix of Portland cement, lightweight natural aggregates, proprietary additives and carefully selected iron oxide pigments. The permanent mineral oxide pigments become an integral part of the product and are fade resistant, with only minimal colour changes after years of weathering similar to natural stone. Additional colour pigments are applied, often by hand, creating marbled, multi-shade accent colours that add to the authentic look. When stripped from the moulds, you have a veneer that looks, feels and lasts like natural stone, but lighter in weight and thus, easier to install.





**Inspired by nature**, manufactured Stone is modelled on natural stone, and in comparison, has very little impact on our natural resources and the environment. Durable, light weight, and easy to work with, these products provide a cost effective and practical way to enhance interiors, bringing the rustic warmth of the outside to the inside, including bathrooms, living rooms, kitchens, fireplaces and many more applications. Using manufactured stone instead of natural stone leads to remarkable savings. Besides the lower cost of the product itself, manufactured stone veneer's light weight means a substantial reduction in the cost of shipping, labour, and foundations and footings. Unlike natural stone, one is not limited to natural stone resources or availability. A wide variety of designs and colours are guite easily manufactured - at a fraction of the cost. Because of their many advantages, manufactured stone has become a popular choice for home decoration. Firstly, manufactured stone presents a less costly option and secondly, it offers versatility and can be applied almost anywhere with ease.

Manufactured Stone is becoming an increasingly popular choice with home owners and architects to create a distinct and novel appeal to the interiors and exteriors of homes and commercial buildings.

By utilising natural materials in a lightweight concrete design, the products can adhere to a variety of sound substrates, indoors and outdoors, and will withstand the test of time even in the harshest environments.

By embracing the very best of modern cement and mould making technologies, Brikstone are able to offer a range of veneers that are typically between 10 - 15mm thick. This ensures that the customer is firstly only paying for an absolute minimum amount of raw materials and secondly this reduces the handling costs and preparation costs required to make the substrate suitable for installation. The popularity of engineered stone cladding has meant that an increasing number of homeowners are using it to reface their run-down fireplaces, finish entertainment areas, basements, wine cellars, archways, kitchen backsplashes, kitchen islands, and even staircases or stairwells.



Builders and home renovators usually apply engineered stones to cover old and boring exterior bricks as well as cracking and discoloured render. In fact, modern house designs often incorporate stone veneers to make an architectural statement by covering the entire stone facade or a selection of interior feature walls with carefully man made stone accents. Engineered stone is the ideal cladding material for any creative designer given its lightweight and maintenance-free composition.



Stone veneers are an attractive and an increasingly popular way to decorate a property, but they're more than that. They are an extremely cost-effective alternative that saves builders and buyers money in a time when every penny counts.



Easily installed on any wall surface, from concrete to plywood, stone veneers represent the next generation of interior and exterior stone decoration for homes, restaurants, shops and offices. Home owners can say goodbye to heavy, pricey natural stone and start saving without sacrificing the natural beauty of their living spaces.

# **Brikstone Veneer**

Home builders and home owners today are challenged as never before with ever increasing costs of building materials for building and home renovation projects. Yet, home buyers and decorators still demand top quality finishes and enduring beauty.

Increasingly, builders and home renovators are solving this dilemma by taking advantage of modern value adding building solutions like manufactured stone veneer.

Traditional stone and brick are proven building materials and have been used for centuries. In the past, enjoying the appearance of stone meant costly materials, extra engineering for stabilization and expensive installation.

Today's stone veneer products have changed all that, making it affordable and easy to bring a very realistic look and feel of stone to both the exterior and interior of the home.

Savvy builders and an increasing number of home improvers have discovered the range of home decor possibilities provided by manufactured stone veneers.



Up until now, manufactured stone veneer was not readily available to the UK consumer due to the fact that the limited products advertised in the UK are only imported on demand. This is due largely to high import fees and local inventory costs. Cost is the main reason for local agencies being reluctant to carry stocks.



At Brikstone we have researched, tested and adopted an innovative product design and manufacturing method for our product range. This process coupled with the sourcing of high end raw materials and additives has created an opportunity for cost effective local manufacturing.

Due to our product design and manufacturing processes, stone veneer can now be locally manufactured on demand, at short notice, to meet your requirements.

We believe that there is something intrinsically beautiful about a home enhanced by stone veneer. From the soothing colours to the undulating texture, it's a look that makes a statement with a realistic price tag. As the decor and design trends continue to embrace all things natural and rustic, the look of stone is here to stay.

Stone veneer imparts a warm connection to the earth, adding an air of significance and natural elegance to every surface it graces, whether it's the entire exterior facade, stone pillars, fireplace hearth or a feature wall. Add to that the popularity of green building materials and stone veneer is a smart way to literally bring one's love of nature home. Best of all, the proliferation of styles and colours make it adaptable to a variety of styles from contemporary to traditional, old world, French country and beyond.

Our products capture the essence of natural stone with all its exquisite detail - minus the cost and unwanted weight.

At Brikstone we are committed to offer an unmatched service in the field of stone veneers.

When you want to achieve the look of a wall that has been there forever, brick and stone veneer offers an easy and attractive solution without the disadvantages associated with full dimension products. The full version counterparts are much heavier and thicker making them extremely heavy while also taking a lot of your floor space away.

A veneer is a great option when you want to update and change an area of your home in an instant. The beauty of an exposed brick or stone wall can be achieved easily with a veneer product. Whether you are going for the rustic look of a mountain lodge, or the timeless beauty of Old European Architecture, decorative veneer gives you the flexibility to create just about any ambiance that you desire.

Create the look of an authentic brick or stone wall that has been there for years and will be

there for many more with Brikstone veneers.

# *Apart from enhancing the overall beauty of a house, Brikstone Manufactured Stone Veneers have many advantages which make them a cost efficient and popular choice*

**Easy to install** Stone veneer requires far less prep work than full dimensional masonry, and small projects can be installed with ease and little disruption. Manufactured stone veneer can be applied to wood frame, masonry and metal structures in fact their light weight allows them to be used on just about any type of wall surface. The applications are virtually unlimited – you can enhance your home's exterior or interior with an abundance of unique transformations. Veneers can be applied to both interior and exterior surfaces during a new build or a renovation project.

**Light weight** Stone veneer products are so lightweight that they can be supported by the wall itself and eliminates the need for wall ties or costly foundational support. This allows them to be used in areas that would need to be engineered to support the heavy load of natural stone or brick.





Value for money Brikstone veneers are manufactured cost efficiently and are therefore significantly less expensive than similar products. Low shipping and handling costs Brikstone veneers weigh significantly less than natural stone or brick. This lower weight means that shipping and handling costs are kept to an absolute minimum. Large variety of designs and colours Our manufactured stone is available in a large variety of designs and colour options. The veneer moulding and colouring process allows for it to be made almost indistinguishable from real quarried stone. It can be moulded and coloured to look like a wide variety of different stone and brick products. The variety of designs and colours creates options which would not be available with natural stone and brick. **Durable** When properly installed and maintained, manufactured stone is extremely durable and will last for many years.

Lightweight manufactured stone and brick veneer products are ideal for a multitude of residential and commercial wall applications. Suitable for interior and exterior installations, they are widely used on projects ranging from residential custom homes, renovations and additions, to very complex commercial projects like hotels, resorts, banks, casinos, retail chains, condominiums, and office buildings

Stone veneers are manufactured to achieve the same look, texture, colour and shape of natural stone and brick but at a fraction of the price. The installation process is quite simple. As a lightweight veneer, Brikstone products achieve the aesthetic of a real stone or brick structure, simply and cost-effectively.



#### Personalíze your home

In addition to the affordable cost and easy installation, the one-of-a-kind look offered by stone veneer makes it a favourite of homeowners and design professionals alike. Stone veneer delivers intricate shapes, unique textures and dynamic colours- unavailable in other cladding choices.



#### Why choose manufactured stone veneer?

Manufactured veneer is more lightweight than natural stone and brick — the thin surface material can be applied directly to a solid facing without reinforcing the walls. The lighter weight, ease of installation, variety of styles and colours, and affordable cost makes veneers the choice preferred by architects and builders over conventional masonry and natural stone products.

# The Heritage Collection



British History & Heritage is packed with royal palaces, dramatic castles, World Heritage Sites, Roman ruins and glorious gardens... each with a fascinating story to tell.

**Brikstone** was born out of a fascination and love for the art and skill of the stonemasonry associated with the build structure of the many historic castles found across the British Isles.

British castles are grand, imposing & awe-inspiring. They are dramatically situated and packed with history. Of particular interest to us is the amazing stonework that provides the initial attractive facade of the structures. The stonework reflects a style and work ethic rarely found in today's modern buildings.

The Brikstone product range is offered in an attempt to keep the look and feel of natural stonework alive and

available for all homeowners looking to improve their own 'castle' - their home.



# Design or remodel your property with style

Manufactured stone products are an ideal building material and a dream product for renovators, builders, designers and architects.

Versatile in use and available in many styles, textures and colours; decorative stones can be used

Whether you want to renovate your home, attract interest and business to your establishment, or give your restaurant that certain facelift, we provide a vast range of styles and colours to meet your needs.



# Vintage Brick



#### Inspiration - Herstmonceux Castle

Herstmonceux Castle is a brick-built Tudor castle near Herstmonceux, East Sussex, England. From 1957 to 1988 its grounds were the home of the Royal Greenwich Observatory. Today it is used by the Bader International Study Centre of Queen's University, Canada. Herstmonceux Castle is one of the oldest significant brick buildings still standing in England; brick was an unusual material for the time in Britain. The first written evidence of the existence of the Herst settlement appears in William the Conqueror's Domesday Book which reports that one of William's closest supporters granted tenancy of the manor at Herst to a man named 'Wilbert'. By the end of the twelfth century, the family at the manor house at Herst had considerable status. The builders of Herstmonceux Castle concentrated more on grandeur and comfort than on defence.

#### **Colour Options**

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# Belsay



#### **Inspiration - Belsay Castle**

Belsay Castle is a 14th-century medieval castle situated at Belsay, Northumberland, England. It is a Scheduled Ancient Monument and a Grade I listed building. The main structure, a substantial three story rectangular pele tower with rounded turrets and battlements was constructed about 1370, and was the home of the Middleton family. In 1614 Thomas Middleton built a new manor house attached to the tower. A west wing was added in 1711 but was later largely demolished in 1872 by Sir Arthur Middleton when the remainder of the house was considerably altered.

#### **Colour Options**



# Woodsford



### Inspiration - Woodsford Castle

This is the surviving part of a 14th century castle, a rambling wing of great interest and charm, deep in Hardy country just outside Dorchester. Its roof has one of the largest expanses of thatch in the county. Just one side of the quadrangular castle, built in 1370 and probably added to an existing group of buildings, remains today. An earlier restoration was carried out by Thomas Hardy's builder father in 1850, and Hardy himself came here often.

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Sunrise

# Compton



#### **Inspiration - Compton Castle**

Compton Castle is a fortified manor house in the village of Compton (formerly "Compton Pole"), about 5 miles west of Torquay, Devon, England. The estate was home to the families of Compton, de la Pole, Doddiscombe, Gilbert and Templer. The castle has been home to the Gilbert family for most of the time since it was built. It has been a National Trust property since 1951.The castellated house was the seat of Sir Maurice de la Pole in the reign of King Henry II (1154-1189),[4] after which family the manor was known as Compton Pole. The original undefended manor house was built in the mid-14th century and consisted of a hall flanked by solar and service rooms at each end - these were rebuilt in the later Middle Ages.The fortress-like front was added in about 1520 by John Gilbert.The central hall was in ruins by the 18th century, but was faithfully reconstructed in the 1950s.

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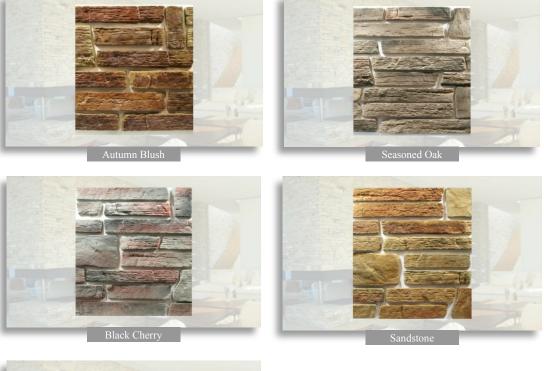
# Bodiam



#### Inspiration - Bodiam Castle

Bodiam Castle is a 14th-century moated castle near Robertsbridge in East Sussex, England. It was built in 1385 by Sir Edward Dalyngrigge, a former knight of Edward III, with the permission of Richard II, ostensibly to defend the area against French invasion during the Hundred Years' War. Of quadrangular plan, Bodiam Castle has no keep, having its various chambers built around the outer defensive walls and inner courts. Its corners and entrance are marked by towers, and topped by crenellations. Its structure, details and situation in an artificial watery landscape indicate that display was an important aspect of the castle's design as well as defence. It was the home of the Dalyngrigge family and the centre of the manor of Bodiam.

#### **Colour Options**





# **Broughton**



#### **Inspiration - Broughton Castle**

Broughton Castle is a moated and fortified manor house near Banbury in North Oxfordshire. Set in parkland and built of the rich local Hornton ironstone, it was selected by Simon Jenkins as one of only twenty to be awarded five stars in his book England's Thousand Best Houses.

The core of the house was built in 1306 and the gatehouse in the early fifteenth century, but most of what you see today dates from the 1550's. It was a centre of opposition to Charles I and was besieged and damaged after the Battle of Edgehill in 1642.Broughton Castle is home to the 21st Lord and Lady Saye & Sele, whose family name is Fiennes. The ownership of the Castle has remained in the same family since 1447.

#### **Colour Options**





#### Sherborne



#### **Inspiration - Sherborne Castle**

Sherborne Old Castle is the ruin of a 12th-century castle in the grounds of the mansion. The old castle was built as the fortified palace of Roger de Caen, Bishop of Salisbury and Chancellor of England, and still belonged to the church in the late 16th century. In the Civil War Sherborne was strongly Royalist, and the old castle was left in ruins by General Fairfax of the Parliamentary forces in 1645. The name "Sherborne Castle" was then applied to the new house, though today the term Sherborne New Castle is generally used to refer to it, in the same manner as "Sherborne Old Castle" is used for the ruins. In World War I the house was used by the Red Cross as a hospital and in World War II as the headquarters for the commandos involved in the D-Day landings.

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#### **Belvoir**



#### Inspiration - Belvoir Castle

Belvoir Castle is a stately home in the English county of Leicestershire, overlooking the Vale of Belvoir. It is a Grade I listed building. The castle is near several villages, including Redmile, Woolsthorpe, Knipton, Harston, Harlaxton, Croxton Kerrial and Bottesford, and the town of Grantham. Antiquarian John Leland wrote in the 16th century that the "castle stands on the very nape of a high hill, steep up each way, partly by nature, partly by the working of men's hands". A corner of the castle is still used as the family home of the Manners family and remains the seat of the Dukes of Rutland, most of whom are buried in the grounds of the mausoleum there. A Norman castle originally stood on the high ground in this spot. During the English Civil War, it was one of the more notable strongholds of the king's supporters. It eventually passed into the hands of the Dukes of Rutland and following a fire, was rebuilt by the wife of the 5th Duke, and gained its present Gothic castle look.

#### **Colour Options**





### Chillingham



# Inspiration - Chillingham Castle

Chillingham Castle is a medieval castle in the village of Chillingham in the northern part of Northumberland, England. It was the seat of the Grey and Bennet families from the 15th century until the 1980s. A large enclosed park on the castle grounds is home to the Chillingham Cattle, a rare breed, consisting of about 90 head of cattle.[1] The castle is a Grade I listed building. The castle occupied a strategically important location in medieval times: it was located on the border between two feuding nations. It was used as a staging post for English armies entering Scotland, but was also repeatedly attacked and besieged by Scottish armies and raiding parties heading south. The site contained a moat, and in some locations the fortifications were 12 feet thick.

#### **Colour Options**



# Maxstoke



#### Inspiration - Maxstoke Castle

Maxstoke Castle is a privately owned moated castle dating from medieval times situated to the north of Maxstoke, Warwickshire. It was built by Sir William de Clinton, 1st Earl of Huntingdon, in 1345 to a rectangular plan, with octagonal towers at each angle, a gatehouse on the east, and a residential range on the west, the whole surrounded by a broad moat. Additions were made by Humphrey Stafford, 1st Duke of Buckingham who acquired it in 1437 by exchanging it for other manors in Northamptonshire. The castle is unusual in that it has survived largely intact. Amongst the antiquities there is a 15th-century chair upon which Henry VII was crowned after the Battle of Bosworth in 1485, a table owned by Sir Everard Digby (cousin to the Digbys of Coleshill) around which the Gunpowder Plot was planned in 1605, and a 'Whispering Door' (two doors with a common jamb) brought from Kenilworth Castle.

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Café au Lait







Antique white

# Hertford



#### **Inspiration - Hertford Castle**

**Hertford Castle** was a Norman castle situated by the River Lea in Hertford, the county town of Hertfordshire, England. Only the gatehouse survives, and is a Grade I listed building.

Hertford Castle was built on a site first fortified by Edward the Elder around 911. By the time of the Norman Invasion in 1066, a motte and bailey were on the site surrounded by a moat. William the Conqueror granted the castle to Peter de Valoignes, the High Sheriff of Essex and Hertfordshire.

Following the death of Angelo Salvo in 1216, a French invasion besieged the castle for a month until the governor, Walter de Godarvil, surrendered. However the country then supported Henry III and by 1217 the French had left. Following this the castle's military role became secondary to its use as a royal residence and in 1299 Edward I gave it to his second wife Margaret.

#### **Colour Options**





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Hadrian



Medieval



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