Copymaster: Adobe Bricks

Recipe

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- a space outside that can get a bit messy
- a garden sieve and a mallet
- clay soil that has been dried and then sifted (a small bucketful)
- sand
- water
- · dried grass or straw
- small moulds approximately 15 cm x 8 cm x 8 cm.

Method:

- i. Sieve the clay soil and return the remaining debris to the ground.
- ii. With the mallet, beat half the sieved clay into a powder.
- iii. Mix equal amounts of the powder and sieved clay with some straw.
- iv. Slowly add water until it is a very thick (but not too wet) mud pie.
- v. Push the mixture into the mould and press really hard all over.
- vi. Leave your brick on a sunny shelf for a day, then remove it from the mould. Leave it on the shelf for another week.

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