

Introduction to Cob Building



Cob is a building material of clay, sand, water and earth that has been used for construction since early times. It creates ideal structures as cob is fireproof, resistant to seismic activity, and inexpensive. Cob materials are local, long-lasting, non-toxic and low impact. It's easy for anyone to learn cob building. Community is enhanced by building together.

Cob building has seen a revival in recent years by the natural building and sustainability movement. This introductory workshop is also covers some advanced techniques.

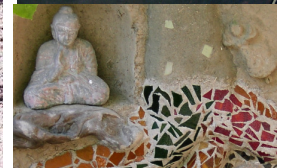
Topics :

- What is cob?
- Tools and materials
- Foundations
- Cob mixing
- Building
- Finishing (plastering)



Learning Outcomes:

- A brief introduction to the philosophy and history of cob and other natural building methods
- Advantages of building with earth in general
- Essential aspects of building, sculpting and finishing cob
- Materials: where to locate them and how to test them
- Siting, foundations and drainage for small structures
- Relevant tools for building
- Different cob mixes for different situations



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