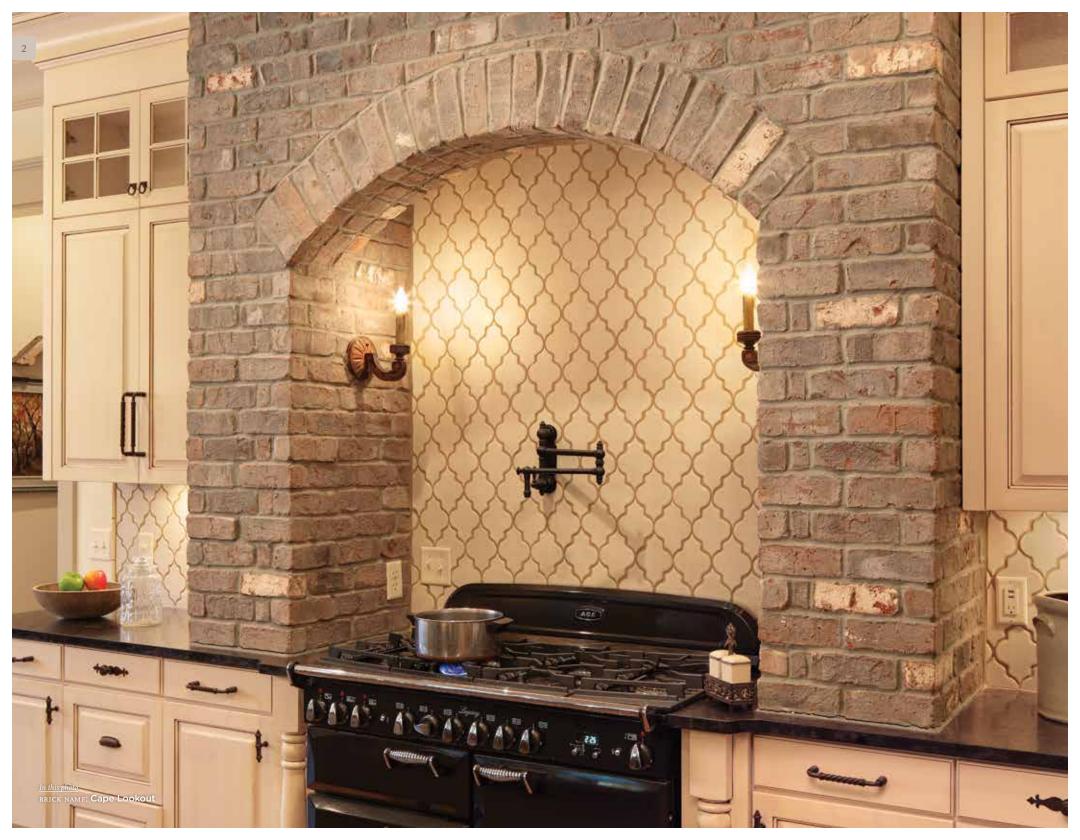
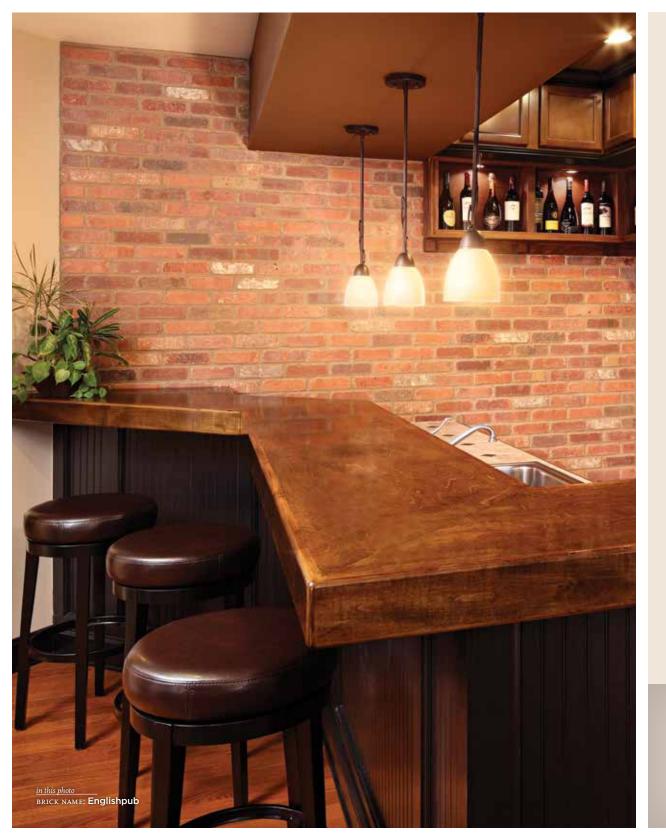


### Naturally great ideas for your project

BEAUTIFUL MASONRY PRODUCTS for ANY BUILDING PROJECT or RENOVATION USING **OLD BRICK ORIGINALS™** 







## Build on the beauty of nature

the NEW WAY to ADD CLASSIC BEAUTY...
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Add more beauty and value to your renovation or new construction project by choosing Old Brick Originals™ thin brick from General Shale. Our thin veneers provide an ideal design solution for residential and commercial interiors and exteriors. The reduced weight of General Shale thin brick makes it ideal for most renovations or new construction projects.

Explore new ways to get more from your great indoors or outdoors with products that are naturally better.



HOW IT'S MADE Actual structural brick is cut precisely for flat and corner surfaces. The result is a brick that is thin and lightweight for use in almost any application.



"I wanted the truly authentic look of a hundred-year-old building."

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The Foundry Owner





## Old becomes new with easy-to-install Old Brick Originals™

#### THIN is IN

Thin brick goes easily into any space. Made from real earthen clay brick that has been cut thin, Old Brick Originals can transform your home from bland to breathtaking. Because thin brick is so lightweight, you no longer need to worry about load-bearing walls or reinforced subfloors. Lightweight brick can also easily transform a home by replacing siding, increasing the home's value.

#### VINTAGE INSPIRATIONS

Professional designers, architects and contractors love the personality that thin brick provides. From the distressed-edge design of a Frenchquarter thin brick for an office to the worn and rustic look of Peppermill thin brick for any man cave, Old Brick Originals provides hundreds of design possibilities.



General Shale thin brick can be used in nearly any interior or exterior application. Here are a few suggestions:

Foundation Wall

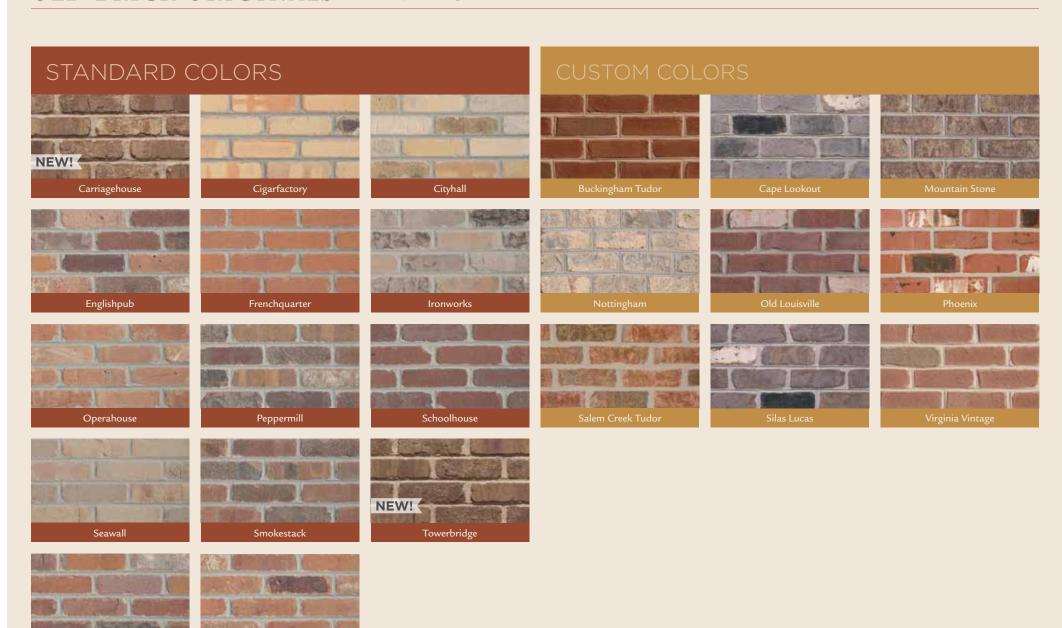
Accent Flooring
Arches
Columns

Entry Foyer Fireplace Home Exterior Kitchen Backsplash Wine Cellar



#### OLD BRICK ORIGINALS™ THIN BRICK

Trainstation



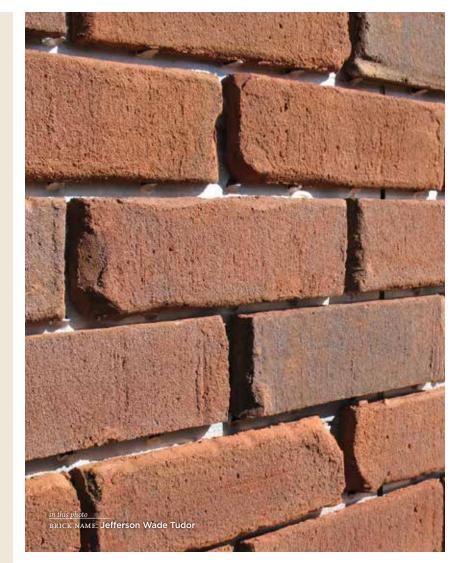
## Add character to the exterior of your home

#### AFFORDABLE RENOVATIONS are EASY with THIN BRICK

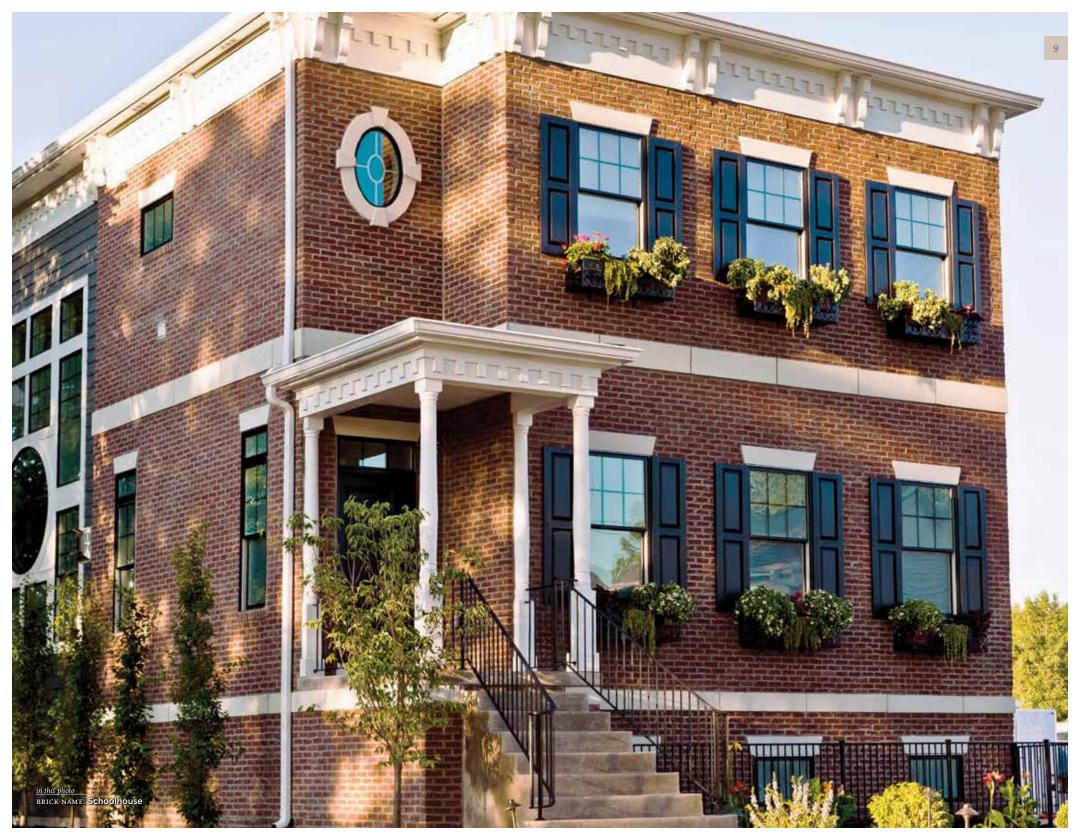
Thin brick by General Shale is the ideal solution for increasing the curb appeal and beauty of a home. When used with one of our three available drainage systems, thin brick alignment and installation are a breeze.

Thin brick is extremely versatile, and with corners and flats available in every color, it can be used for everything from a single exterior wall to the chimney chases, foundation skirts or the entire exterior of your home. And because thin brick is much lighter than conventional structural brick, there's no need for added structural support. Thin brick is a smart alternative to conventional structural brick for adding beauty and value to your home.









## Thin brick interior installation overview

#### CALCULATE the MATERIALS

Calculate the square footage for your interior thin brick installation. General Shale can help you determine the exact amount of materials needed for your particular project.

#### PREP the WORK AREA

Before installation, be sure your wall surfaces are clean and free of debris. Also, protect your floor and any other surfaces with a drop cloth or protective covering.

#### MEASURE and LINE the WALLS

Once the walls are clean, measure and mark your walls for each course of brick.

Use a level to make reference lines across the wall surfaces to ensure that your thin bricks are straight and level. (FIG. 1)

#### INSTALL from BOTTOM to TOP

Begin installation by applying a bead of brick veneer construction adhesive to the backs of several bricks. (FIG. 2) Begin working at the bottom of the wall and work your way to the top, staggering the mortar joints from course to course. (FIG. 3) As needed, cut thin brick using a tile cutter or diamond blade grinder to complete each course. (FIG. 4)













#### CHECK YOUR WORK

Be sure to step back from your work every now and again to ensure that the thin bricks are straight and the mortar joints are even. Construction adhesive is typically adjustable for about 15–20 minutes. This should provide ample time to make necessary adjustments to each course before moving on to the next course.

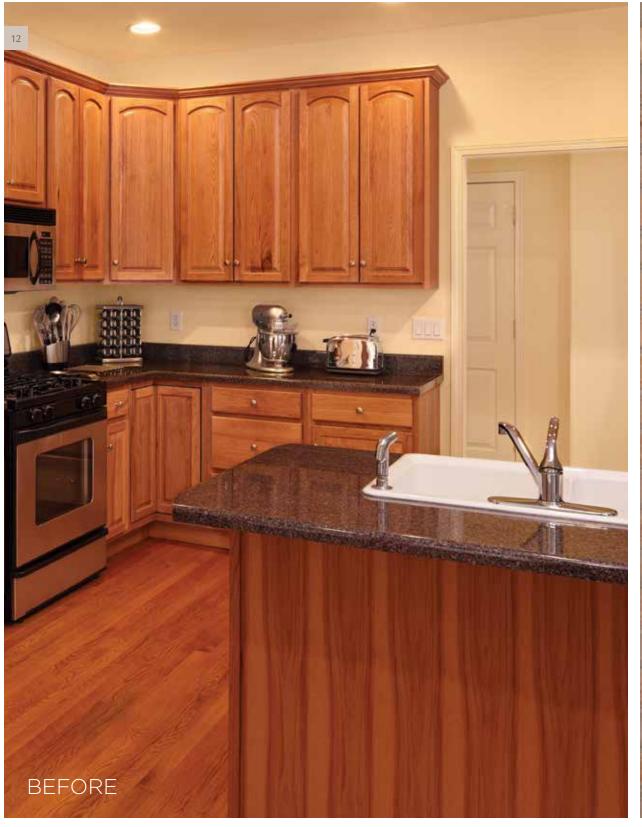
#### MIX the MORTAR

To finish the thin brick installation, mix the joint mortar in a bucket according to the manufacturer's instructions.

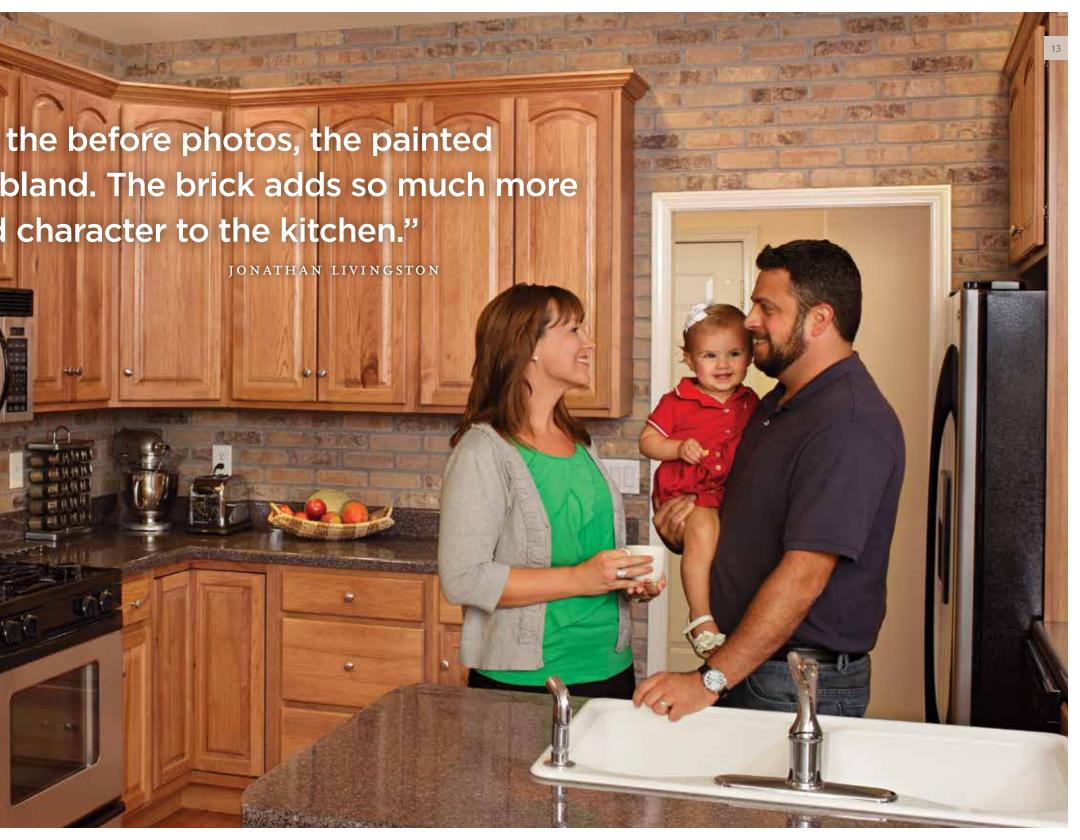
#### APPLY the MORTAR

Load a large grout bag with joint mortar, making sure it flows at a steady rate. Apply the mortar to vertical joints and dress them using a masonry joint tool.

(FIG. 5) Once the vertical mortar joints set, use the same technique on the horizontal joints and dress the joints to finish. (FIG. 6)







## Moisture drainage for any application

#### PREFERRED INSTALLATION METHOD

#### MOISTURE SHIELD SYSTEM

The General Shale preferred drainage system is the Moisture Shield system. Moisture Shield is a revolutionary moisture barrier that protects exterior substrate walls when thin brick is used. Thin, lightweight and easy to install, Moisture Shield also provides an additional layer of insulation for your home.

#### LATH and SCRATCH SYSTEM

The metal lath and scratch system incorporates a metal mesh that lays over the moisture wrap and attaches to your exterior wall. Simply trowel a thin layer of mortar (scratch coat) over the mesh and set your thin brick into the mortar.

#### METAL DRAINAGE SYSTEM

A metal drainage system is commonly used with thin brick in exterior applications. This system utilizes metal alignment panels with an adhesive to ensure that the brick siding is locked in place. The locking function secures each brick to the panel and also supports the weight of the brick for easy, accurate installation.







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## Making home renovations easy

#### **BRICK ACCESSORIES**

General Shale offers a wide variety of mortar colors to best match the brick products that you are using for your renovation project. With the ability to mix and match, you have endless design possibilities. Visit your nearest General Shale retail location for additional information.

#### the DIY STARTER BUCKET

General Shale's DIY Starter Bucket is the essential starter kit for your next home renovation. The starter bucket includes adhesives, spacers, detailed instructions and other necessary equipment to jump-start any renovation.

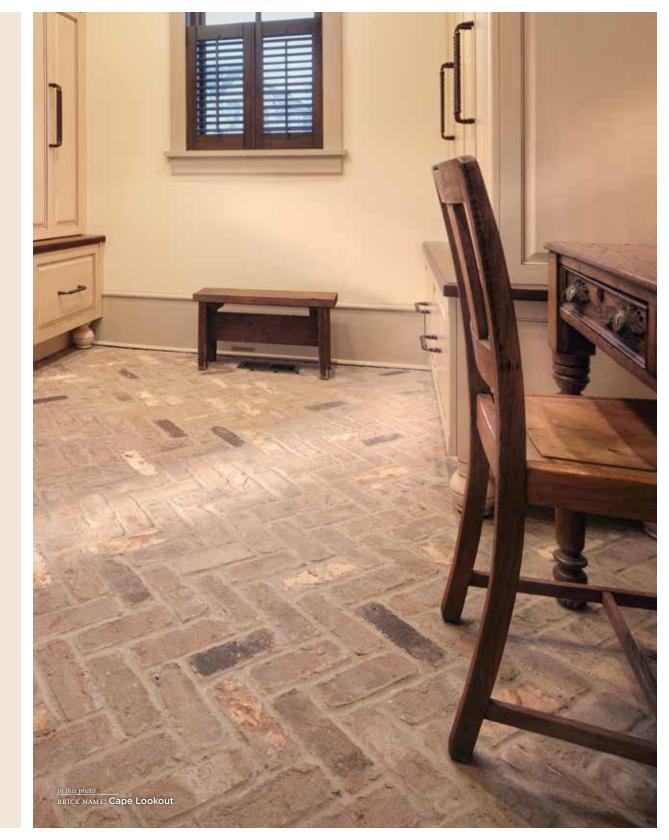


Your local General Shale retail store offers a complete line of accessories for the easy and safe installation of masonry products, from trowels to levels and much, much more. Ask your General Shale representative for the right tools to complete your project.

# Going where no brick has ever gone before

#### THINK OUTSIDE the BOX with THIN BRICK VENEERS

From floor to ceiling and everything in between, the lighter weight of General Shale thin brick means that brick veneers are no longer limited to walls and only walls. Because thin brick is so lightweight, you no longer need to worry about load-bearing walls or reinforced subfloors, so you now have hundreds of design possibilities. We hope the following photos will inspire you to use brick in unconventional ways. Let your imagination run free!



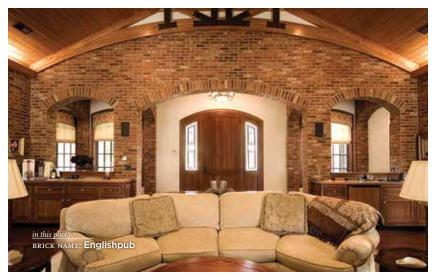


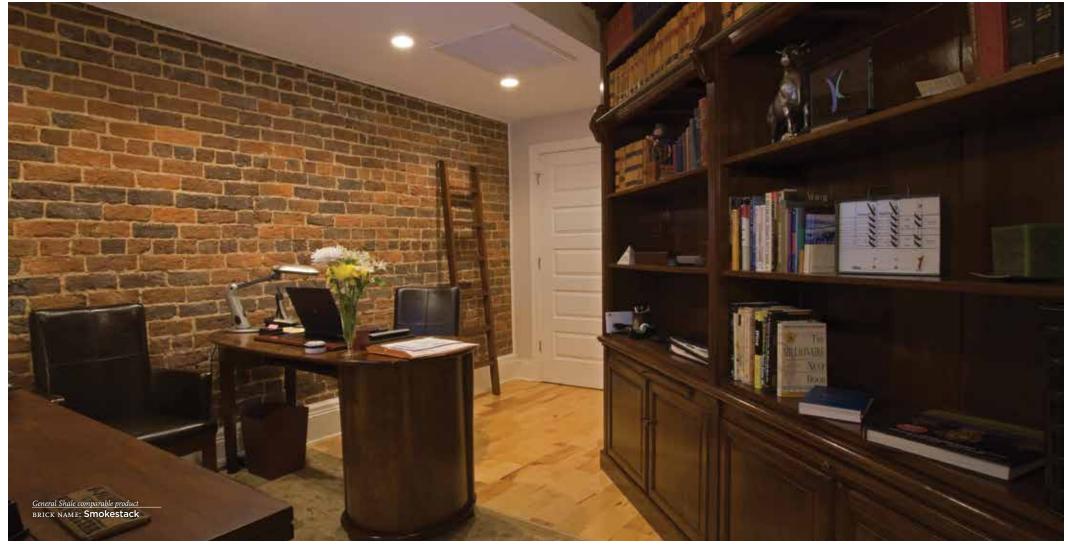


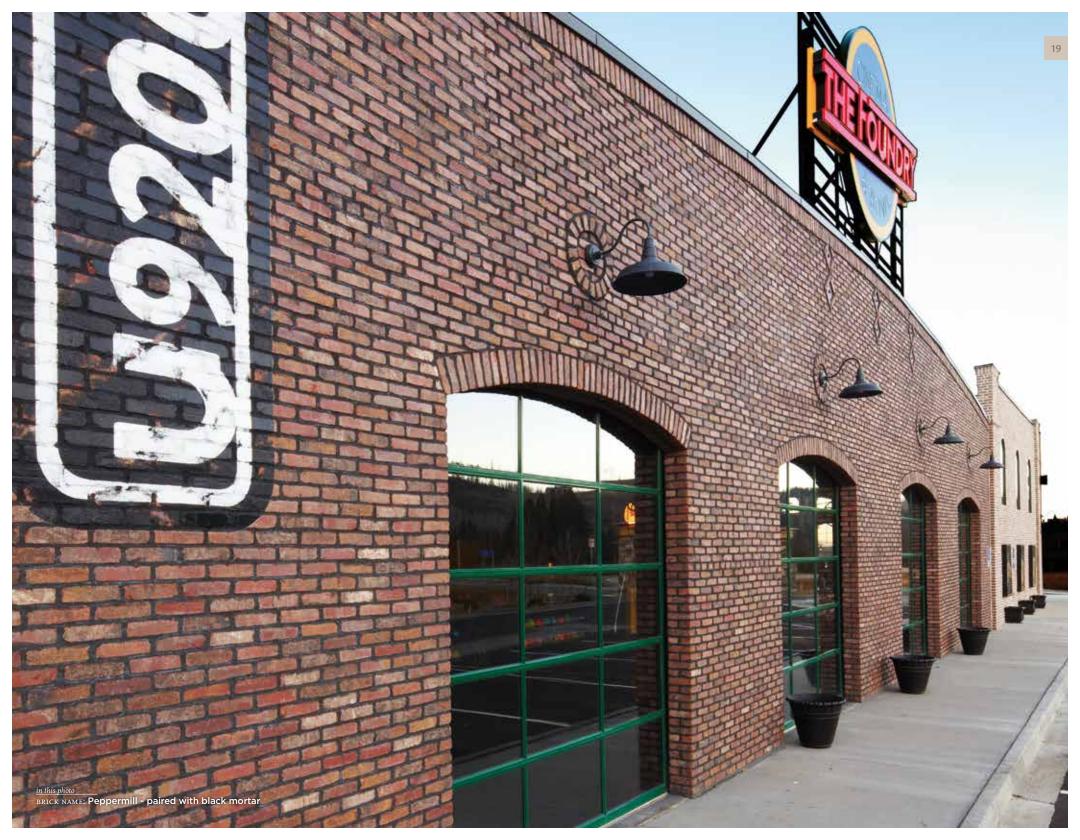


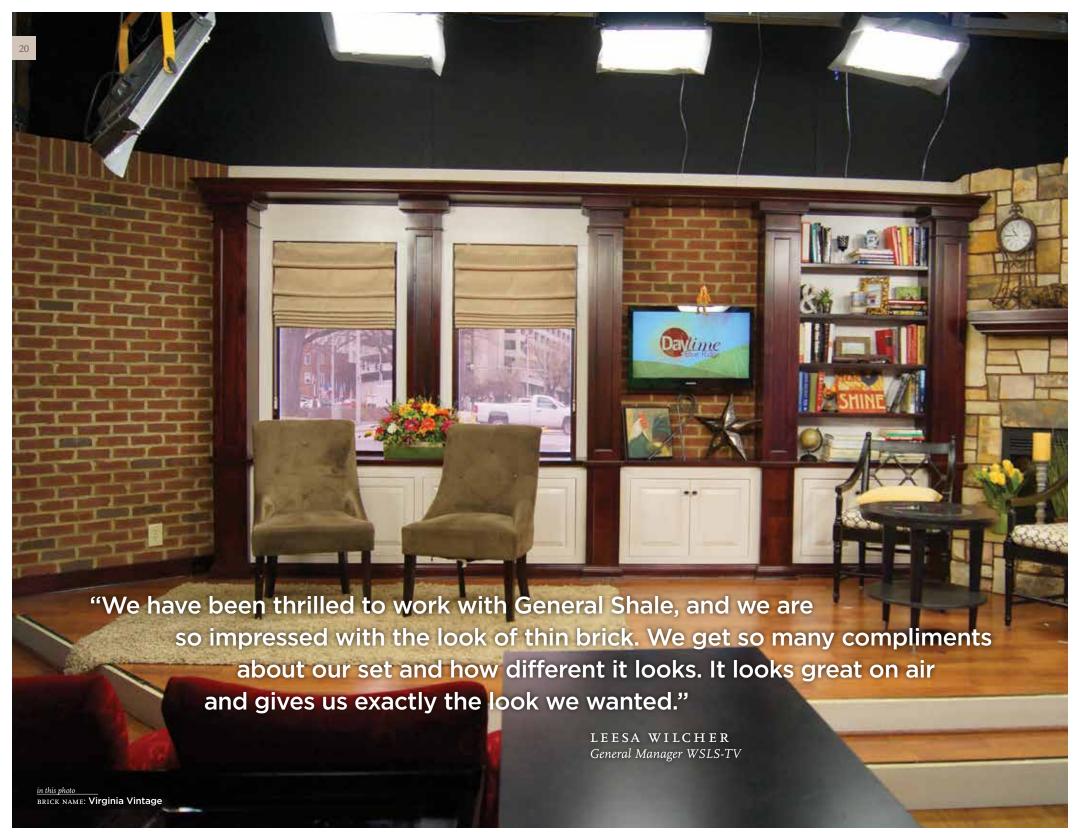
















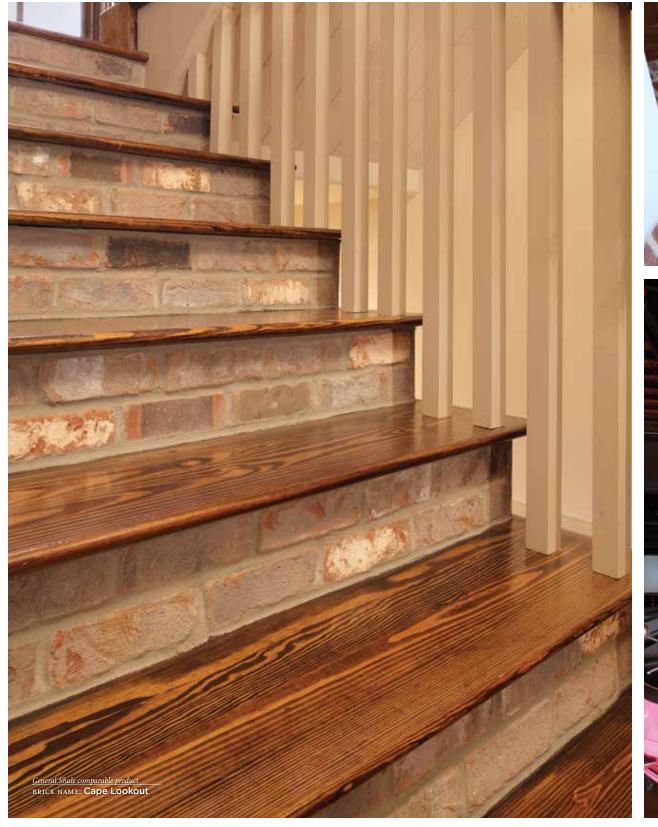






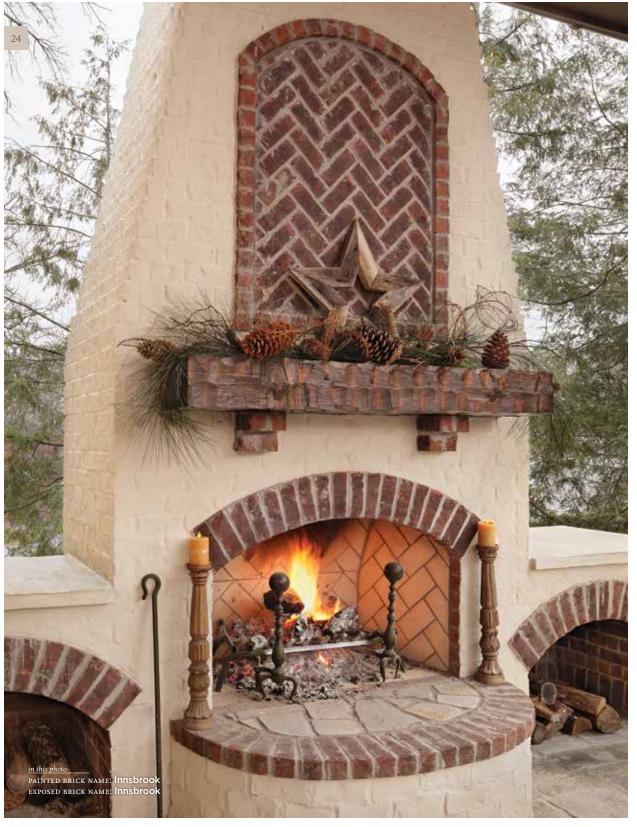




















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In 1928, General Shale began as a local brick manufacturer in East Tennessee. Over the years, we have grown to be one of America's leading masonry suppliers, with manufacturing and sales sites across the U.S. and Canada. Strategic acquisitions and plant expansions have broadened our product offering to include Arriscraft™ Stone Products, a well-known brand among commercial and residential builders, and a complete line of outdoor living products in the form of Do-It-Yourself kits. In 1999, General Shale joined forces with the world's largest producer of bricks, Wienerberger of Vienna, Austria, further establishing our commitment to the brick industry.

General Shale has been a driving force in building the American dream for over eighty years. From professional-grade products for some of America's greatest landmarks to high quality goods for home renovations and backyard projects, our entire portfolio of products stands for quality, service and lasting beauty. Regardless of the size of project—a small patio renovation or a large new home, multifamily housing or multistory commercial buildings—General Shale is the right solution for your project. Stop by one of our General Shale locations or visit us at www.GeneralShale.com to find products such as:

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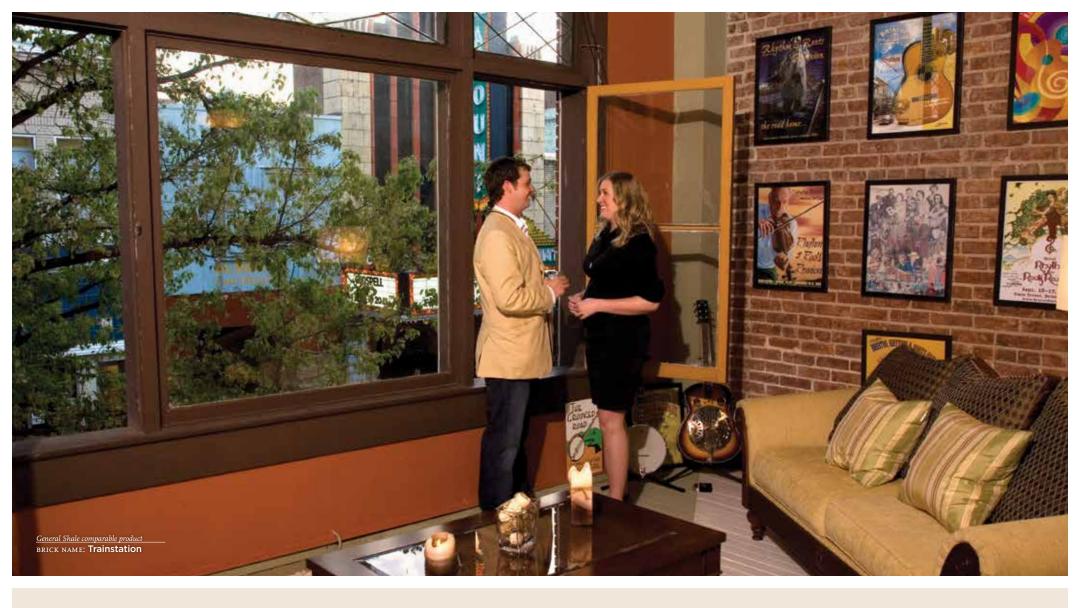
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