

Courtyard
 Collection™

Splitting or Cutting Blocks



Splitting a block

To split a block from the Courtyard Collection, you can use a hammer and chisel or a skill saw.

Locate the blocks with the premarked splitting notches. Using a hammer and chisel, score around the blocks along the splitting notch, then break the blocks with a few sharp blows. This should yield a nice split.

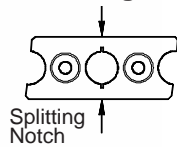
The split side creates a flush or straight edge when building panels with posts, corners or transitioning curves in the wall.



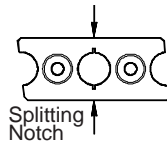
The Dublin and York blocks come with pre-marked splitting notches. Two out of three Dublin blocks comes with a center-split notch and one out of three come with an end-split notch. One out of Six York blocks have a center-split notch. See below.

SAFETY FIRST
 Always wear safety glasses when splitting or cutting block. A dust mask is recommended when cutting block.

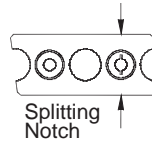
Dublin center-split with a right angle



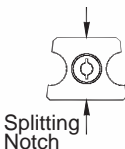
Dublin center-split with a left angle



Dublin end-split with a left angle



York center-split



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Splitting a Wall Cap block

Use the following 3 easy steps to split your Wall Cap.

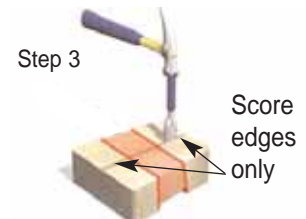
Step 1: Score the top and bottom of the block with a skill saw and masonry blade.



Step 2: Using a hammer and chisel, score the bottom of the block in notched area.



Step 3: Score the top with a chisel on the **outer edges only**. Strike harder blows in the scored area to split the block.



Do not score over the notch as the block will split the wrong way.

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Options for cutting a block with a saw

First determine where the block will need to be split.

- Use a skill saw with a masonry blade to score around the entire block and then with a hammer and chisel score around the block until it breaks. This should yield a nice split. *Shown at right.*
or
- Use a masonry saw with a dry cutting diamond blade. This method makes a complete cut and eliminates the need for a hammer and chisel.
or
- Use a metal chop saw with a dry cutting diamond blade to cut the block.

NOTE: Masonry saws and metal chop saws are available for rental at most retail centers.



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