

EERO KOTLI TRICK BRICKS

are created from **Cambrian* clay**, using ancient molding techniques, by throwing chunks of clay into wooden forms.

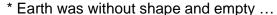
- Flora or fauna is placed in the clay chunks before modeling.
- The modeled clay is dried for 4-5 weeks.
- It is fired at a temperature of 970°C, during which the organic material burns and leaves an impression in the brick surface, or it significantly changes its characteristics (e.g. snail shells or fish spines become quicklime).

The process is related to the work of French artist **Bernard Palissy** (c.1510 – c.1589). The difference is in the robustness and positive-negative treatment. For years, Palissy attempted in vain to discover the secret of porcelain, as did many other European ceramicists and alchemists at that time.

Already in Ancient Rome, tegula (roof tiles) with dog paw prints were used to ward off evil spirits from one's house. Every plant and animal print has its own protective power. One must just find one's **own brick**.

The uses of these bricks include:

- first of all, installation of one or more bricks in the face of a stove, cooker or (outdoor) fireplace, as well as in the interior or exterior façade of a house;
- 2. on bookshelves as bookends, or on desks as paperweights;
- 3. as decorative elements:
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Over 500 million years ago, during the Cambrian period, the oldest period of the Paleozoic era, clay settled at the water. Gradually primitive life was developing in the water. Flora was represented by algae and fauna by trilobites and brachiopods. At that time, Europe was located on the other side of the Equator. Life slowly started to move onto land. However, clay continued to be deposited in the water.

The Creator had yet to think about dinosaurs, that ideas would not burgeon until 300 million years later. Everything else alive or lifeless from this indiscernible time has long since fossilized. However, this Estonian clay lives on. Just add a drop of water and vitality flows from the clay, which can be modeled into a shape that will last for centuries. This is the clay from which TRICK BRICKS are molded. Each brick is unique and distinctive just as each person's fingerprints are different.

Now is the time to be hardened by fire and be preserved for another 500 ...

