CLAY BRICKS

Clay bricks are among the first materials used by man to build houses and fences. Clay bricks are still used today in building houses because of its cheapness, durability and ability to absorb heat, thereby making the house cool.

We used mud dug from earth to make clay bricks. There is a need to emphasize here that the mud to be used should not contain ordinary sand. First, we should identify the right type of soil and dig it up. The right soil is then mixed with water and pounded, using our feet. This process is repeated many times until the mud is made soft and plastic. It is then ready for shaping/moulding.

A rectangular mould with an open top and bottom, made of wood, is used to produce the clay bricks to the desired shape, e.g. 6'' or 9'' bricks produced are usually soft. They are left in the sun to dry. After a few days, they are hardened by baking them.