

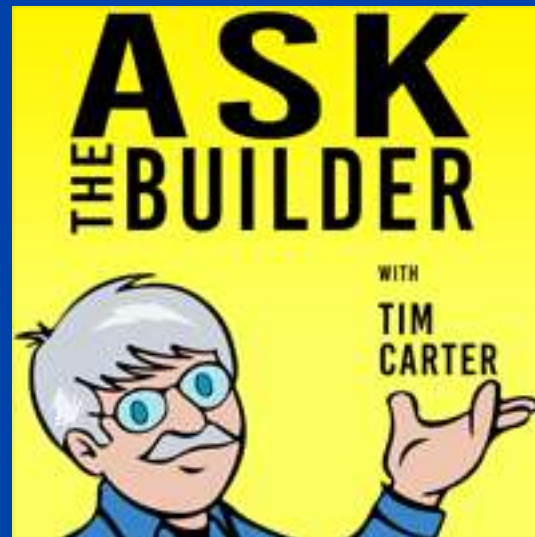
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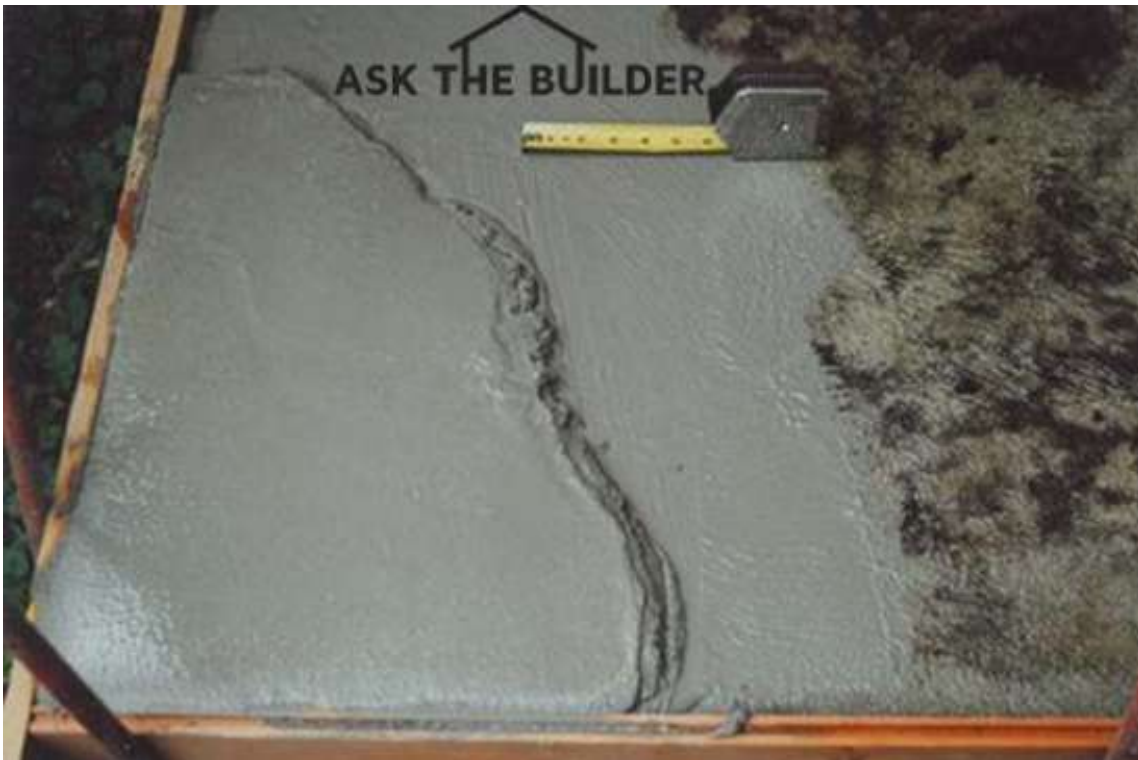
## ASK THE BUILDER | Cement Paint & Overlay Tips

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Cement paint is an old secret employed by craftsmen of old. They used it to bond cement stucco to poured concrete or concrete block. You make this paint by mixing pure Portland cement with cold water. Blend until it's the consistency of regular paint. The tape measure in the photo below is sitting on the coat of cement paint.

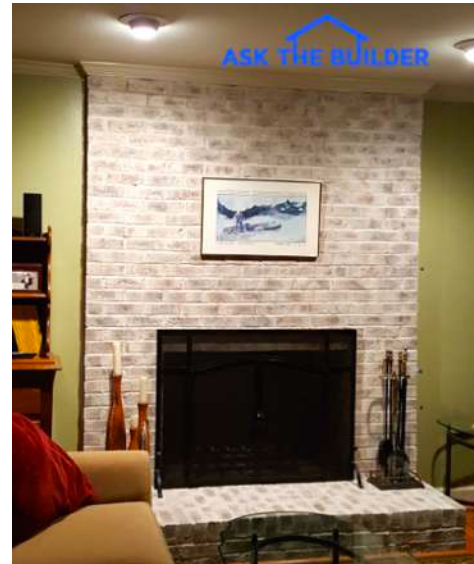
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- an overlay is just a thin layer of new concrete
- can be inches thick or as thin as 1/8 inch
- small diameter gravel must be used for any overlay less than 1.5-inches thick
- install the overlay on an overcast day with no wind 55 F temperature is ideal
- [CLICK HERE](#) to read all my past concrete overlay and cement-paint columns



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Whitewash is simply a mixture of hydrated lime and salt. Lime is what was used as brick and stone mortar by the Egyptians, Greeks & Romans. We all know how long their Wonders of the World have lasted!



The photo above on the left is a giant room addition I whitewashed 30 years ago. The bare bricks were done on purpose to match the existing home. The fireplace on the right was done in 2107 by Maggie and her daughter. She's one of my FREE newsletter subscribers.

## Helpful Links to Whitewash Recipe and Installation Columns:

[Tim Carter's Magic Whitewash Supplies & Recipe](#)

[Whitewash Application Tips - It's Fast & Easy](#)

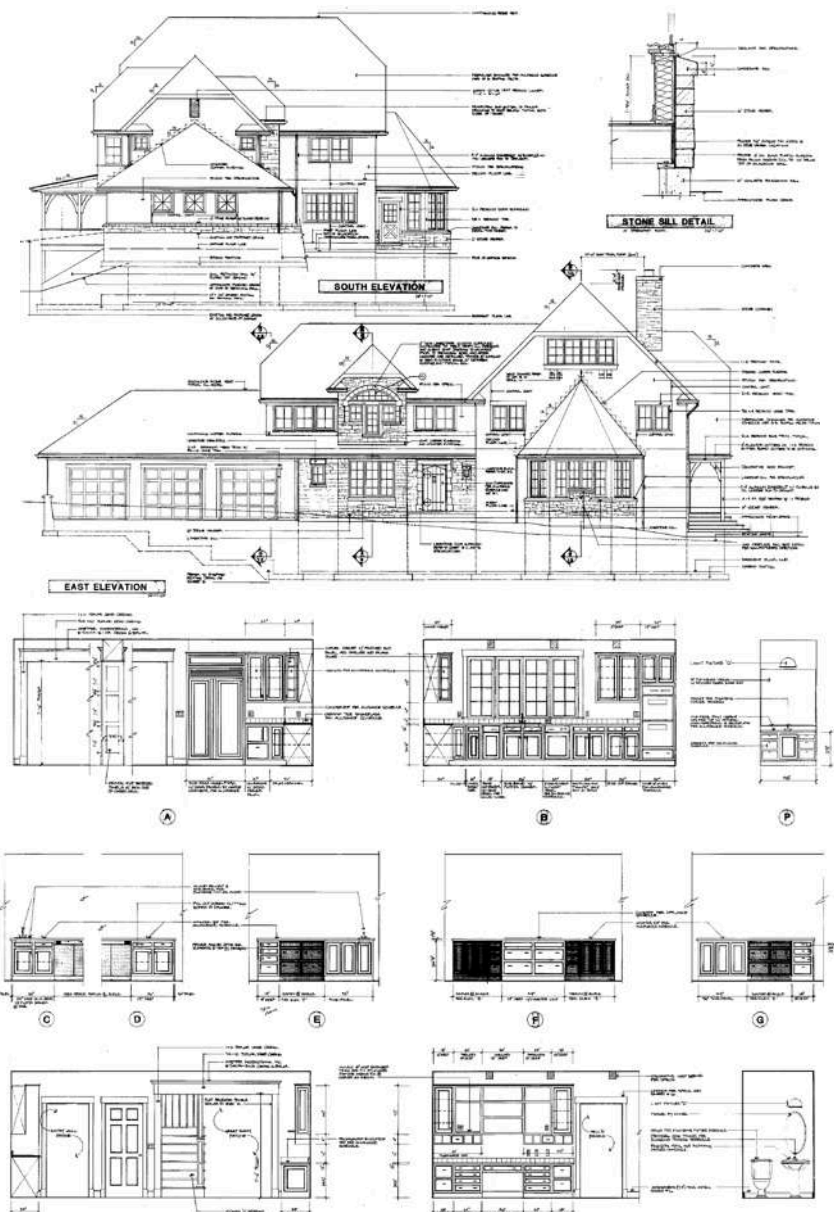
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