General Shale recommends Romabio mineral paint products for painting masonry. Romabio products are highly breathable and durable and are available in a wide variety of colors and finishes including Limewash and Masonry Flat. Romabio products are not only effective but they are easy to apply. General Shale does not recommend acrylic paints for exterior masonry. Acrylics can trap moisture and cause staining issues or freeze thaw damage.

Selecting Materials:
- General Shale strongly recommends Five Points brick for a painted brick home. This brick is manufactured specifically for painting.
- Color off-grade and size off-grade brick can be suitable for painting. Even though the brick will be painted it is essential that well fired brick units be used to ensure long term durability.
  - If off-grade brick are used they may affect the appearance or performance of paint.
  - Off-grade brick are sold as is with no express or implied warranty.
- For brick that are textured, insure the degree of texturing is consistent throughout the run of brick to be painted. Differences in the brick texture can be noticeable even when the brick are painted.
- Do not use brick with manganese or other metallic based additives in the body.
- Brick with loose coatings are not recommended unless the loose coating is removed by pressure washing.
- For a list of brick that are suitable for painting contact your General Shale sales representative.

Construction
- Proper construction details are essential to the long term performance of a painted brick wall.
- Use recommended joint and tooling details. Avoid “raked” type joints.
- Drainage wall details including a clean airspace, flashing, and weep holes, should also be used. For additional information please refer to “Recommended Details Essential to Durable Brick Home Construction”. This is printed information on the brick tag attached to every cube of brick delivered to the site.

Paint Application
Follow the paint manufacturer’s recommendations for cleaning, preparation, and paint application. Two Romabio documents are attached to this bulletin for further application instructions.

Attachments
How to Apply Romabio Masonry-Flat
How to Apply Romabio Limewash