

EXCESS CORBELLING Brick can be corbelled (offset) only about one inch beyond the brick below (i.e. one brick does not have to be set exactly on top of another). However, the total corbelling must not exceed one-third of the wall thickness to maintain stability.

DESCRIPTION 6.1.2 Wood Frame Walls: Load-bearing wood frame walls may be interior or exterior walls.

Some stud walls are load-bearing, others are not. Bearing walls should have a double top plate. Non-bearing stud walls may have only a single top plate.

A single sole plate (also called sill plate or bottom plate) is provided in either case. None of this is visible once the home is finished.

Historically, 2x4 studs have been used, spaced 16 inches on center, although more recently, 2x6 exterior wall studs have become common as they provide more space for insulation between the studs.

