

DIY BRICKS PRESSED FROM ORDINARY MUD

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It's hard to beat an innovation that turns cow dung into something useful — namely, bricks for use in construction — but a new French effort presents a strong contender. Specifically, Toulouse startup [Meco'concept](#) has created a building system that can be used to create construction-worthy bricks out of ordinary mud. Available both for rent and for sale, Meco'concept's hydraulic press can be used by anyone to create up to 120 Lego-shaped bricks per hour. Ordinary mud from the construction site is first mixed with an optional aggregate binder such as cement or lime — the company also offers a mixer for that purpose. In three steps requiring just 30 seconds, the Meco'press can then create a durable, anti-seismic, ecologically friendly brick suitable for construction of buildings as tall as two storeys. Though originally designed with NGOs in mind, the [functionall](#) Meco'press can be used to make bricks virtually anywhere in the world. Eco-minded builders around the globe: one to try out, or otherwise get involved in? (Related: [Eco-drywall made of recycled materials](#) — [Eco houses snap together using Lego-style blocks.](#)) Spotted by Vinh Ly

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