



Brick type: Thoresby Buff Multi
Location: South Yorkshire

Project Architect: Peter Wade Consultancy
Client: Markazul-Uloom Al-Islamiyya

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Ridge Road Mosque

Markazul-Uloom Mosque, an Islamic educational institute based on Ridge Road in the city of Rotherham, West Yorkshire, has been developed using Forterra's Thoresby Buff Multi bricks.

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The building itself is a contemporary mosque design that incorporates traditional features, guided by classic examples of famous mosques. Such elements include its emerald hemisphere-shaped domes and its slim-line tower or minaret, which is situated at one side of the building.

Forterra's Thoresby Buff Multi brick was carefully selected to achieve a desired aesthetic that references earlier mosque architecture but appeals to the modern community. The use of brickwork in the design also ties in with the red brick used in the adjacent building, helping it to fit into the built environment.

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Buff coloured bricks combine with contrasting black aluminium windows, elongated and arched to imitate the arched entrances found in pre-Islamic mosque architecture, to give the structure a distinguished and prominent face. This is complemented by the subtle domed detailing embossed on the larger format blocks just below the roof.

Forterra's Thoresby Buff Multi brick is also used in the mosque's minaret. While minaret's can be square, round or octagonal and are usually covered by a pointed roof, radial, angle and cant bricks have been incorporated in this instance to encapsulate the use of geometric shapes – a unified feature in most Mosque constructions.

Radial bricks, utilised just under the ornate onion-shaped roof of the minaret, have been used to form a circular column without the need for tapered joints. Broken by a circular balcony, angle and cant bricks have then been used to create an octagonal column containing a small vertical rectangular window, which is featured three more times down the length of the minaret.



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