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Abstract:

Presents an account of the earthen architectural traditions of Sri Lanka, and the techniques through several periods of time, as seen in archaeological evidence and in the practices of present day building construction. Explains five different building techniques and other uses of mud for building work. These building techniques vary from the simple methods of construction of walls, with or without timber skeletons, to advanced methods of construction using adobe or rubble, and the use of mud for flooring. Aspects of maintenance of mud houses under tropical monsoon conditions are also dealt with.