

The cornerstone of a building has many symbolic meanings, including new beginnings, prosperity, and strength. It can also represent the importance of unity and harmony.

Cornerstone symbolism in architecture

- The first stone laid in a building's foundation
- A symbol of a new era, prosperity, and opportunity
- A symbol of aspiration and endeavor
- A symbol of sturdiness, morality, and truth
- A symbol of the alignment and position of the entire building

Cornerstone symbolism in religion

- In Christianity, the cornerstone symbolizes Christ, the "head of the corner" and the "Chief Cornerstone of the Church"
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- In Islam, the Black Stone is the cornerstone of the Kaaba and is the most venerated stone on earth
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- In Hinduism, Mahadev, also known as Shiva, is a cornerstone in the tapestry of Hinduism
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Cornerstone symbolism in other contexts

- In Freemasonry, the cornerstone symbolizes unity, harmony, and strong principles
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- In general, a cornerstone can symbolize something of great importance on which everything else depends