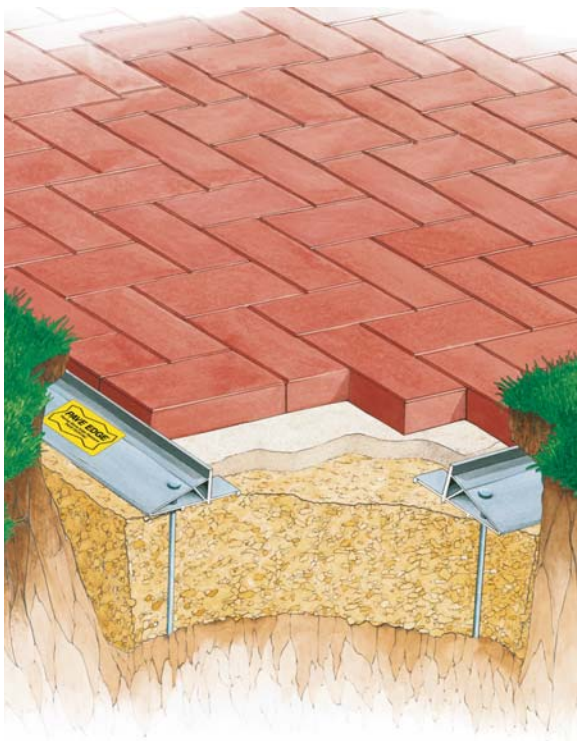


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INSTALLATION  
AND PATTERN GUIDE  
FOR CONCRETE PAVERS



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**Ideal's Stones with Style™** are beautiful and easy to install. The many styles, shapes, and rich colors create distinctive patios, walks, driveways, and pool decks that will bring you years of enjoyment.

Most paving skills are within your reach. We've prepared this booklet to guide you step-by-step and have even included some helpful hints that the pros use. With a little effort and determination, you can achieve beautiful do-it-yourself results. Let's get started!

## 1 Planning

Careful planning is essential to ensure your project goes smoothly. Start by reviewing our **Come Home to Style** catalog for ideas. It will help you visualize what your project might look like in relation to your home and site amenities. Then sketch out a few designs on graph paper. When you have finished your plan, finalize all of the dimensions and note any existing structures, such as your home, stairs, or other paved areas.

While you probably have a pretty good idea of the style and color pavers you want, visit the **Ideal Authorized Dealer** in your area to make your final selection from actual product samples. Show them your sketch and discuss the shape and pattern you'd like to use, keeping in mind that some shapes and laying patterns require less cutting than others. They will help you determine the proper amount of pavers, edge restraints, sand, gravel, and other materials you'll need. Most likely you will need to have the materials delivered to your site. The pavers, sand, and gravel are heavy, so delivery makes sense. You should select a convenient and safe location where the materials can be placed.

You will need the following tools and equipment:

- Gloves
- Mason's Line
- Tape Measure
- Push Broom
- Wood Stakes
- Rubber Mallet
- Shovel
- Garden Rake
- Wheelbarrow
- String Level
- Marking Crayon
- Steel Rake
- 24" Carpenter's Square
- Safety Glasses
- 2 pcs 1" o.d. conduit pipe x 8' long (screed pipe)
- 1 pc 2" x 4" x 8' kiln-dried lumber (screed board)

In addition, you will need a tamper or plate compactor and a guillotine cutter or masonry saw to cut some of the pavers. They are available from your **Ideal Authorized Dealer** or local equipment rental store.

## 2 Preparing

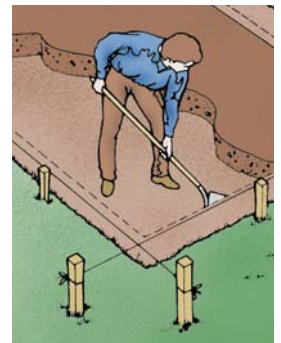
Before starting excavation, contact Dig Safe or Call Before You Dig and request that they mark all underground cables or pipes. These services are usually free, but may require up to 72 hours notice.

Begin by marking out the area to be paved. Use a garden hose to layout free-form curves. A circle is marked out from a stake at the center point. Using a string line cut to the length of the radius desired, mark the arc with chalk. Be sure to allow an additional 6" on each side of the pavement (except where the pavers abut a wall, foundation, or existing curb) for drainage and edge restraints. Set a series of stakes along the perimeter and connect them with string. It is important to establish a 90° corner as a starting point. A simple technique uses the 3-4-5 triangle method. From the corner stake, measure 3' across the bottom and 4' up the side, adjusting them until the distance of the diagonal line is exactly 5' long. A 24" carpenter's square also can be used. You also will need to establish a 90° corner when setting the edging and laying the pavers.

## 3 Excavating

If you have a large area to excavate, you may wish to hire a contractor. They can haul away and dispose of the excavated material. For smaller areas, a shovel and some hard work will get the job done. Remove grass, loam, roots, and large rocks. Use a flat shovel or spade to skim off the last couple of inches to avoid disturbing the subgrade soil. Remember, you'll need to excavate 6" beyond the final dimensions of the pavement to install the edge restraints.

The depth of the excavation depends on the project and type of soil at your site. The base under the pavers must be thick enough to support loads to avoid rutting over time. Granular soil is best for drainage and strength, whereas clay soils are weak and require a thicker gravel base. How do you tell which type you have? Granular soils feel gritty between your fingers, while clay feels slick, especially when wet. Use the following chart as a guide for excavation depth and base thickness for your project.



Determine the elevation of your finished pavement - it should be approximately 1/4" above the surrounding area to allow for lock-up over time. The pavement must be sloped 1/4" per foot to provide drainage. This slope is established at the subgrade level by pulling string lines across the width of the excavated area and leveling them using a line level. On the side you wish to slope towards, move the lines down 1/4" for every foot that the pavement is wide. For example, if the area is 4' wide, lower the string 1". Measure the distance between the subgrade and the string lines - the excavated depth should be uniform across the width of the slope.

*Tip: Since the string lines must be removed in order to compact the subgrade, mark their position on the stakes, which should be left in place. You'll need to reset these lines for other steps of the installation.*

Project	Excavation Depth		Base Thickness	
	Good Soil	Poor Soil	Good Soil	Poor Soil
Walkway/Patio	7"	9"	4"	6"
Pool Deck*	9"	11"	6"	8"
Driveway	11"	15"	8"	12"

\*Because an in-ground pool installation involves a lot of excavation, a large volume of earth is disturbed. Unless you are confident that the soil has been properly back-filled and compacted in lifts, it may be advisable to wait 6 months or longer for the soil around the pool to settle naturally.

\*\* For permeable pavement information see page 14.

You must compact the subgrade soil at the bottom of the excavated area with a plate compactor, or for small jobs, a hand tamper, in order to create a firm and stable foundation for the base. As an alternative, consider renting a tool called The Pounder® from your **Ideal Authorized Dealer**. It's similar to a hand tamper, but does a much better job and is easier to use.

## 4 Installing the Base

The key to a successful pavement is the base installation - it is the most important step of your project. In addition to the proper thickness, the base must be placed in lifts and thoroughly compacted, otherwise settlement may occur. The base material should be a coarse, granular gravel consisting of a proportioned gradation of sand and stone. We recommend 1 1/2" processed gravel, 3/4" crusher run, or dense-graded gravel.

*For every 100 square feet (sf) of area, you will need the following amount of base materials for the thickness shown:*

- 4" thick - 2 tons
- 6" thick - 3 tons
- 8" thick - 4 tons
- 12" thick - 6 tons



To ensure adequate compaction, you will need to install the base in lifts (layers). If you will be using a hand-tamper, spread an even layer of gravel about 2" thick. If using a plate compactor, you can spread the gravel in 3" to 4" layers.

Wet, but do not saturate the base with water as you compact. When it cannot be compacted further, add the next layer of gravel and compact. Take your time - do not rush this step! Continue to add and compact material until the top of the base is approximately 2 3/4" to 3" below the height of the finished pavement. Verify this by resetting the string lines to the final elevation and measuring the distance - the depth should be uniform throughout. The remaining space is for the 1" sand bed and concrete pavers after they have been compacted into place. If necessary, add or delete base material to bring it to the desired slope and grade, and compact it well.

## 5 Installing Edge Restraints

Because pavers are set loose in sand, they must be secured in place along the perimeter. Otherwise, the pattern will loosen and over time, the surface will settle and rut. A house foundation or curbing is suitable - grass or sod is not!

We recommend **Pave Edge® Flexible** or **SnapEdge®** professional grade edging. Few other edging systems can match their performance and they are easy to install and will not rot or rust.

Both products can be used for straight or curved sections. They are placed directly on the compacted base and secured with 10" steel spikes driven every 2' into the pre-drilled holes. Be sure that all corners that are to be square are exactly 90°. Use the 3-4-5 triangle method described in Step 2.



# 6 Placing the Sand Bed

Before the pavers can be placed, a setting bed of washed concrete sand must be installed and leveled. This process is known as screeding. Although commonly used, we do not recommend stone dust because it packs too tightly and can get spongy if it becomes saturated with water.

*For every 100 sf of pavers, approximately 1 ton of concrete sand is required for bedding and jointing when the sand is screeded to 1" thick.*



Place the steel pipes on the compacted base parallel to each other about 4' to 6' apart. At several intervals, run a string line set at the height of the finished elevation across the pipes. The top of the pipes should be 1 3/4" to 2" below the line.

If necessary, adjust the height by putting a handful of sand under each end of the pipe if too low or by trimming the base if too high.

Cover the pipes and space between them with concrete sand. Level the sand by pulling the 2" x 4" screed board along the top of the pipes. Fill any low spots with sand and rescreen. Move the pipes forward, fill the voids with sand, and repeat the process until the entire sand bed is installed. Do not step on, compact, or allow the sand to become wet once it has been screeded. An important note - you should only screed the area that will be covered with concrete pavers on that same day.

*Tip: If the area to be paved is wider than your screed board, carefully remove the screed pipe closest to the edge, place it on the opposite side of the pipe left in place, and repeat the screeding process.*

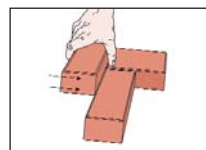
# 7 Laying the Pavers

Most **Ideal** pavers can be installed in a variety of laying patterns. The most popular are running bond, herringbone, and basket weave. Some shapes feature unique patterns, while others offer virtually unlimited design possibilities. We've shown some of the most popular patterns for our shapes in the **Patterns with Style** section included in this booklet.

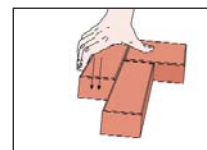


As pavers are not set in mortar or concrete, you can work at your own pace. Follow the directions carefully, but if you make a mistake, don't panic! Simply remove the pavers to correct the error and pick up where you left off.

It is very important to start your paver installation along a straight edge or from a 90° corner, even with a curved layout. Begin placing the pavers on the screeded sand bed along a straight line in the pattern you have chosen. Install the pavers "hand-tight" so that the joints between the pavers are about 1/8" wide. With circle and fan patterns, joint spacing may vary. We mold our pavers with "spacers" on the sides of most of our shapes to assist in proper joint spacing when installing. Using the "touch and drop" method, grasp a paver between your thumb and fingers. Touch the bottom half against the sides of the previously placed pavers and release your grip, guiding the paver to drop down directly onto the sand. Do not slide the paver across the sand.



Step 1 - Touch

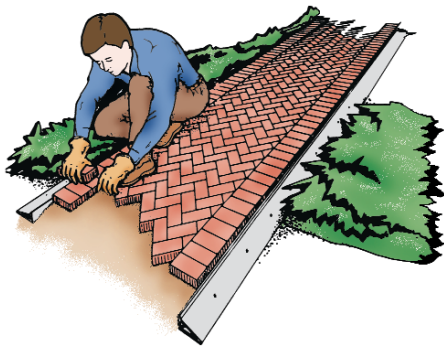


Step 2 - Drop

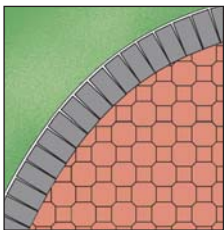
Our traditional pavers with chamfered edges should be placed with chamfers facing up. Yankee Cobble™ should be placed with its dimpled surface as the top side. Our MillStone™, Georgetown Colonial Pavers™ and Town N' Country™ Pavers can be installed with either side face up. For a rustic look, try alternating Georgetown Colonial or Town N' Country faces in a random fashion.

*Always select pavers from different layers and from several cubes at a time to ensure even distribution of inherent color shades when installing. Proceed from one starting point only. The first several rows are the most important for keeping the lines of the pattern straight. Once you have established the pattern, placing the pavers will become easy. Every couple of feet, pull string lines over the joints to maintain pattern lines.*

You should work off the pavers as they are installed, keeping a foot or so back from the laying edge. If you are installing pavers on a slope, always start at the bottom and work uphill. Periodically check your row alignment by running a string line along the front edge of the leading row, making sure that each paver touches the string. If adjustment is needed, wedge the pavers into the proper position using a screwdriver or tap them with a wood block and mallet. Install any remaining edge restraints at this time. For pavements with curves, continue the pattern to just beyond the width of the pavement. Mark and cut the pavers along the perimeter to accommodate the curve. Do not attempt to turn the pavers to follow the curves.



If you are laying a pattern with circles or fans, it is best to start at the center of the circle and work your way out. Refer to the circle chart on page 26 for the pattern you are using. Screed only enough sand for the setting bed that allows you to comfortably place the pavers within arm's reach. As the diameter of the circle increases, you will be able to work off of it to place additional pavers. Another method is to place half of the circle first, then install the remaining half by working from the previously installed area. Fans are installed in a similar manner.



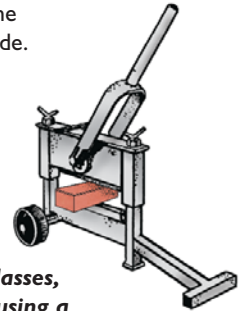
Add a professional touch to your pavement by using Boston or Georgetown Colonial Pavers® as a soldier or sailor course along the outside edges to finish the border. This technique works well with almost any style of paver and pavement shape, including curves, by “framing” the pavement for a neat finished appearance. See page 17 for more information on soldier and sailor border courses.

## 8 Cutting the Pavers

You will need to cut some of the pavers to fit neatly along the edges of the pavement. Measure and mark the pavers to be cut with a marking crayon (it is best to cut the paver about 1/4" less than the actual dimension). Always cut the paver in the shortest direction for a neat cut. Don't be too concerned if a cut is not perfect. Jointing sand will fill the gaps.

If using a guillotine cutter, place the paver under the center of the blade. Push the handle down using a quick, forceful motion. When using a masonry saw, cut under the center of the blade, using just enough pressure to allow the blade to do the work.

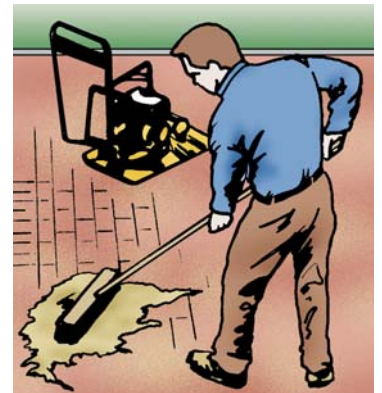
When cutting pavers, exercise caution and **always use safety glasses, gloves, a dust mask, and when using a masonry saw, hearing protection.**



## 9 Compacting the Pavers

After all of the pavers have been installed and the edge restraints securely set, sweep the surface clean of any debris and tamp the pavers into the bedding sand using a plate compactor. Do not compact within three feet of an unrestrained edge. Adjust the speed of the machine so that it runs with a high vibration, but at a low amplitude (jumping motion). Make two or three passes at 90° angles to each other. Spread sand over the surface, sweep into the joints, and compact again. To avoid scuffing the crowns

of the embossed surfaces of Yankee Cobble™ and Town N' Country™ pavers, spread a thin layer of sand or place a sheet of woven geotextile fabric over the surface before compacting. If any of the pavers become damaged, remove them and tamp replacement pavers into place with the plate compactor.



“Tap and Set Method” - If you have not rented a plate compactor, you will need to “tap and set” the pavers into place using a rubber mallet. Hit each paver firmly enough to set it into place and level all those that surround it. You also can use The Pounder® by setting it on a short length of 2" x 4" board to cushion its striking force.

Concerned about weeds or loss of sand in the joints? Use our **SandLock®** organic or **PowerLoc®** polymeric sand binders. Both are premixed and ready to use. They replace regular joint sand during the compaction process. Don't skimp - fill the joints to the full depth. To avoid staining with these binders, the surface must be clean of sand residue. Use a soft bristle broom or a leaf blower, taking care to avoid blowing the sand out of the joints. Starting at the lowest elevation, spray the pavement with a fine mist of water until you see the joints start to shed water. Continue until all joints are activated. Another option is our **BP PRO®** liquid sand binders. They offer the advantage of sealing the pavers while stabilizing joint sand. One leaves a natural look; the other a satin sheen. Both types are a water-based “green product” that is sprayed onto the pavement, then squeegeed off. Always follow directions on the product packages. Keep traffic off the pavement for about 24 hours and watch the weather, as you want to avoid rain for at least 48 hours.

## 10 Finishing

If you have used a sand stabilizer you are pretty much done other than landscaping!

Otherwise, you may need to sweep additional sand into the joints. Make this task easier by spreading sand over the pavers and allowing it to dry prior to sweeping. You can also use a plate compactor to help vibrate sand into the joints. To finish the job, sweep the pavers clean and hose the surface down with water. Complete the landscaping by adding sod or plantings as desired. After a few weeks you may find the sand in the joints has settled. Keep a small amount of sand on hand to re-fill them. Of course, this is not necessary if you used a sand stabilizer.

## Congratulations!

Your new walkway, patio, pool deck, or driveway is ready to use and will provide a durable, attractive pavement that you will enjoy for many years to come. A new pavement is an opportune time to apply one of our specialty sealers. Although not necessary, sealers are an option that will enhance the richness of the colors, make clean-up easier, reduce staining, and help keep sand in the joints.

Over time, dirt, stains and wear are inevitable. This is where concrete pavers are superior to other types of pavements, because with a little maintenance, you can keep the surface looking beautiful for a lifetime. Our cleaning and sealing products also can restore the original appearance of concrete pavers exposed to weathering over time.

## Cleaning and Sealing

While there are a number of specialty cleaners and sealers made for concrete pavers, we recommend BP Pro® and SRW® brands, available from an **Ideal Authorized Dealer** near you. These products are professional grade and contain chemicals, so they must be handled with caution. *Carefully follow directions on the labels as to use, application, precautions, and first aid measures. Wear protective clothing, eye goggles, rubber gloves and boots.*

### Step 1 - Removing Stains

Many stains can be removed with a strong solution of a household cleaner, while others may require specialty cleaners.

- Food, beverages, and grill splatters - **Simple Green™** or **TSP**
- Oil, grease, tar and tire marks - **BP Pro® General Cleaner or SRW® Cleaner and Degreaser**
- Rust and stains caused by fertilizers - **BP Pro® Efflorescence Remover or SRW® Efflorescence Cleaner**
- Oak and leaf stains, as well as moss - **Household Bleach**

Follow label directions. Protect the surrounding surfaces and vegetation. On slopes, start at the bottom and work your way up in sections. Stubborn stains may need a second application. Rinse treated areas with lots of water, using a garden hose, not a pressure washer.

### Step 2 - Cleaning the Surface

Now you'll need to clean the entire surface to remove any dirt, grime, and efflorescence. If there are no signs of efflorescence, a detergent such as Simple Green™, may do the trick. *Do not use muriatic acid to clean your pavers. It is caustic, difficult, and dangerous to work with.*

For efflorescence use BP PRO® Efflorescence Remover or SRW® Efflorescence Cleaner. Both products are premixed and ready to use. Test the solution on an inconspicuous area to see how it affects the color and surface of the pavers. Protect vegetation and surrounding surfaces. Thoroughly wet the entire pavement, then apply the cleaner - a plastic watering can works well for this - to a small area no larger than 5' x 5'. Allow it to sit for about a minute or two, then immediately rinse with lots of water. Brush with a stiff bristle plastic broom as you rinse, repeating the process until the pavement is clean.

### Step 3 - Sealing

You're now ready for the final step - sealing. We recommend one of the following:

**BP PRO®:** BP PRO Joint Stabilizing Sealers are water-based products that stabilize joint sand and seal the surface. The Joint Stabilizer Sealer leaves the surface with a natural look, while Enhancing Stabilizer Sealer provides a pleasing satin sheen. BP PRO Stabilizing Sealers can be applied immediately after pavement completion because they will not trap efflorescence and whiten. Suitable for indoor/outdoor use.

**SRW®:** SRW Sealers are water-based, film-forming sealers that offer a choice of finishes while providing joint sand stabilization properties. Paver Seal provides a satin finish, while Paver Seal Pro imparts a high gloss, wet-look finish. Suitable for indoor/outdoor use.

SRW® Paver Seal Plus is a water-based siloxane that forms a penetrating barrier for long-term durability and resistance to deep stains. It slightly darkens colors without imparting a sheen. Suitable for indoor/outdoor use and for pool decks.

Note: We don't recommend the use of sheen-producing sealers on pool decks, as they absorb heat and are uncomfortable for bare feet. If using a film-forming type of sealer, we also recommend waiting 60-90 days after the installation to see if any efflorescence develops.

Before applying sealer, the pavers and joints must be completely dry and moisture-free for at least 24 hours. Turn off automatic sprinklers while you work. Check the weather forecast, as sealers should not be applied at temperatures below 50° F or if rain is expected within 24 hours. Protect vegetation and surrounding surfaces as necessary. The surface must be completely clean of dust and grit. A leaf blower works well - avoid blowing sand from the joints. Sealers are applied by a low-pressure tank sprayer or with a roller. BP PRO Stabilizer Sealers must be flooded onto the surface than broomed or squeegeed into the joints. SRW Sealers are best applied in two light coats. Directions are provided on the container or ask your Ideal Dealer for a detailed product sheet. Keep the area free of traffic until totally dry - about 24 hours.

### Efflorescence

Efflorescence is a white haze that sometimes appears on the surface of clay and concrete products. Although it can come from a number of sources, efflorescence is often a natural by-product of cement hydration. Technically known as calcium hydroxide, it appears as a white film when carried to the surface by moisture. *Efflorescence is not indicative of a flawed product.* It has no detrimental effect on the pavers and typically lessens or disappears with time. If desired, you can remove efflorescence with one of the products mentioned on page 11. Pavers should not be sealed if efflorescence is evident.

### Repairs – No ugly patch!

With **Ideal** pavers you are assured years of lasting beauty and long-term performance that few other paving materials can match. It is a good idea to keep a few extra pavers aside in case of damage. If repairs are ever necessary to your base or subgrade, or if gaining access to underground services or utilities is required, the paving units can be lifted, set aside, and when the work is completed, reinstated seamlessly...without ever leaving a trace of an unsightly patch that asphalt, cast-in-place, and stamped patterned or exposed aggregate surfaces leave behind! Here's how:

Using a putty knife or small screwdriver, scrape sand from the joints around several pavers that you wish to remove. Thoroughly soak the joints around the pavers by running a hose over them for a minute or two. Next, insert two large screwdrivers into the joints and gently rock them back and forth to wiggle the pavers upward. As you lift, the pavers will want to wedge themselves in against other pavers, so tap the surrounding pavers down with a rubber mallet. After removing a few pavers, you'll find that subsequent ones can be lifted more easily. Remove enough paving stones to give you the access you need to make the repairs.

Once the repair work has been performed, replace the base material. Thoroughly compact it in 2" lifts, paying particular attention to the edges to avoid settlement at a later date. If the pavers and the sand setting bed around the opening were disturbed during the work, remove additional pavers back to an undisturbed course. Spread sand over the area, screed it then reinstate a few of the pavers you have set aside. Check the grade and elevation to make sure they will match the existing surface after the pavers are compacted. Adjust as needed. Place the remaining pavers back in the original laying pattern and compact them into place. Sweep sand over the area until the joints are full.

*Tip: To ensure a tight fit as you re-lay the pavers, scrape off any sand that has stuck to the sides and bottom of them when they were removed.*

### Paver Lights – Lighting the way!

Enhance the beauty of your landscape even further by incorporating paver lights into the border course of your new pavement. In the evening, their soft glow will guide you and guests along the walkway to your door, into a driveway, or safely around a pool and patio. Designed to stand up to even the harshest winter conditions, paver lights work on a low-voltage 12-volt system and are safe and inexpensive to operate. Paver lights are easy to install.

Simply substitute one of the three styles we offer in place of our Boston Colonial Pavers® or Yankee Cobble™ Large Rectangles or Squares in the soldier course bordering your pavement. Ask your **Ideal Authorized Dealer** for your step-by-step instructions.

## Permeable Pavers

Are you environmentally conscientious or simply a fan of LID - low impact development? Then our permeable pavers might be the right choice for you. **Aqua-Bric®** and **Eco-Stone®** create strong, beautiful pavements that reduce runoff and infiltrate stormwater, while providing a firm, stable walking and driving surface. Aqua-Bric® is designed for residential applications and Eco-Stone® is used for heavy-duty pavements such as roads and parking lots. Indentations molded into both styles create a series of funnel-shaped openings throughout the surface that allow rain to drain through and infiltrate into the ground. Because Aqua-Bric® is best for residential walkways, patios, pool decks and driveways, we will give you the information you need to know to get the best performance.

**Installation** - The installation method is similar to our regular pavers, with a few important differences. We talked about using gravel for the base under our regular concrete pavers. In this case, it is best to use a base comprised of a graded, crushed stone for maximum water infiltration. The voids between the stones provide space to collect and store water for a short period, allowing it time to filter into the earth below. A 1 1/2" open-graded stone is preferred. If this is not available in your area, try for a 3/4" open-graded stone. Most quarries will have a stone close to either size. (Note: A granular base comprised of processed gravel can be used; it just does not absorb water as well.)

**Excavation** - You'll need to dig deeper when using permeable pavers, so consider this when excavating. The thickness of the base should be at least 6" - 8" thick for patios and walkways and a minimum of 8" - 12" for driveways. The setting bed also is thicker - 2". When you add in the thickness of the Aqua-Bric® paver, here's what you are looking at:

Project	Excavation Depth	Base Thickness
Walkway/Patio	10-12"	6-8"
Driveway	12-16"	8-12"

(Note: If you will not be using a plate compactor to set the pavers, reduce the thickness of the setting bed to 1" and depth of excavation by 1".)

**Base** - Once the area has been excavated, cover it with a layer of woven geotextile fabric. Overlap the seams 6" or more and wrap it up the sides of the excavated area. Place and compact the graded stone in lifts no greater than 3" thick. Continue to add stone and compact until you have reached the desired depth. For every 100 sf you will need:

- 6" thick - approx. 3 tons
- 8" thick - approx. 4 tons
- 12" thick - approx. 6 tons

**Edge Restraint** - Holding permeable pavers in place is as important as it is for our regular pavers. You will need to install edging along the perimeter wherever there is an unrestrained edge. **Pave Edge®** or **SnapEdge®** will work, but driving spikes into a graded stone base can be difficult, so we suggest using our **CurbStone™** as edging. **CurbStone™** can be placed in sand or set in a "wet-mixed" concrete. Dig a trench 8-12" deep and set the **CurbStone™** into the sand or concrete mix. Adjust the height so the top is flush to the pavers when set. Pack some of the material up the sides to firmly seat the **CurbStone™** in place. How much will you need?

- **CurbStone™**: 1 pc/lf
- 1 bag Concrete Sand for every 6 pcs of **CurbStone** set in sand
- 1 bag Concrete Mix for every 4 pcs of **CurbStone** set in wet mixed concrete (base and toe)

Note: If you are using a "wet" mix, be sure to allow it to cure thoroughly before proceeding.

**Setting Bed, Drainage Opening and Joints** - The next big difference between permeable and regular pavers is the type of sand used for the setting bed. To achieve maximum infiltration, you must use a coarse stone sand. How coarse? At least one or two grades coarser than concrete sand. Emphasize the word "coarse" when ordering this and never, ever use stone dust as a setting bed for permeable pavers. Spread and screed the coarse stone sand to a uniform thickness of 2" (1" if you are not using a plate compactor).

The same material is used to fill the joints and drainage openings, so for every sf you will need approximately 12-15 lbs coarse stone sand for the bedding layer, drainage openings, and joints.

**Laying Aqua-Bric** - Aqua-Bric® is the same shape and size as our Boston Colonial Paver® and can be laid in the same herringbone (preferred for driveways), running bond, or basket weave patterns. Refer to Sections 7 and 8 in this pamphlet for guidance on placing and cutting.

- If your layout includes curves, which typically involve a lot of cutting, you will need more pavers, so ask your **Ideal Authorized Dealer** for guidance on how much you should order.

**Filling the Openings** - The openings are filled with the same coarse sand used for the setting bed. Once the pavers are compacted into the setting bed, broad-cast the stone sand across the pavement surface and with a stiff bristle broom, sweep the stone sand into the joints and openings using a slight pounding motion. Compact and sweep until the pavers are firmly seated and the joints and openings are full. Add more stone sand to completely fill the joints and openings.

**Maintenance** - Aqua-Bric® has the same strength and physical properties as our other concrete pavers. Aqua-Bric® has the durability to withstand New England's harsh winters and when properly installed, is snow-plow safe and resistant to deicing salts. Snow removal is the same as for conventional pavement - shovel, snow blower or plow! Aqua-Bric® can even be sealed using one of our water-based sealers applied in a light coat with a roller.

**Keep it Draining** - To maintain infiltration, a permeable pavement requires more care and consideration than an impervious pavement. Use sand sparingly in the winter. Keep the pavement free of leaves and debris as much as possible. Remove weeds promptly and periodically sweep the openings with a stiff bristle broom to remove any crust that may have formed on the surface of the drainage openings.

For oil stains, clean the pavers with products described under cleaning and sealing. If any oil has spilled into the coarse stone sand in the drainage openings, remove and discard it, then replace it with fresh material. You might wish to keep some coarse stone sand, as well as a few extra pavers, for future repairs. Don't fret over oil drippings that may have seeped into the sand below the pavers. Microbes naturally occurring in the soil will degrade oil into CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O over time.

We hope our instructions have given you the confidence to undertake that paver walkway, patio, pool deck or even small driveway project that you will enjoy for years to come. We've attempted to cover all the bases to guide you step-by-step for beautiful do-it-yourself results. Concrete pavers have become so popular that many landscape shows feature installations on a regular basis. HomeTime has one of the better ones. Contact us to obtain a copy on CD.

**Pavers by Ideal** features a wide array of attractive pavers with shapes that can create engaging patterns and designs that no other paving material can match! The color, pattern, shape, and visual texture of our concrete pavers are all important elements in the design of picturesque pavements that add charm, vitality, and ambiance to any landscape setting.

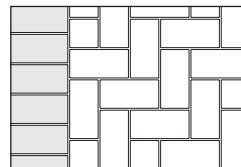
Most shapes can be installed in a number of patterns. Choose from classic 45° or 90° herringbone, elegant basket weaves, traditional running bonds, dramatic circles, fans, or sweeping curves. Some pavers, such as Symetry®, have shapes that lend themselves to patterns specific to their geometry. Other styles can be installed in virtually unlimited patterns and combinations.

Any of the patterns are suitable for walkways, patios, and pool decks. While running bonds and basket weaves may be used for residential driveways, herringbone patterns provide the greatest degree of interlock. Stack bond patterns and large size pavers should be utilized only for foot traffic.

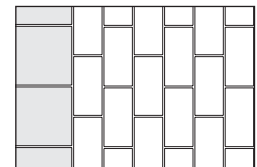
## Border Courses

Although Boston and Georgetown Colonial Pavers® are the most popular choice for border courses, other paver shapes also may be used.

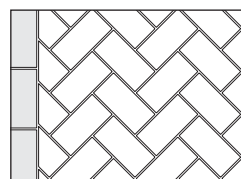
- 4" x 8" Soldier Course** 3 pieces per lineal foot
- 4" x 8" Sailor Course** 1 1/2 pieces per lineal foot
- 8" x 8" Soldier Course** 1 1/2 pieces per lineal foot



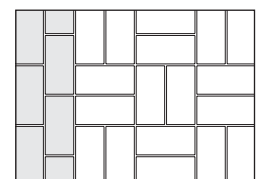
4" x 8" Soldier Course  
w/ 90° Herringbone Pattern



8" x 8" Soldier Course  
w/ Running Bond Pattern



4" x 8" Sailor Course  
w/ 45° Herringbone Pattern



4" x 8" Double Sailor Course  
w/ Basket Weave Pattern

# Boston Colonial Pavers® Georgetown Colonial Pavers™

Nominal Size:

4" x 8" • 4.5 pcs/sf

6 cm or 8 cm thickness

6 cm - 108 sf/cube

8 cm - 84 sf/cube - *Made to order*

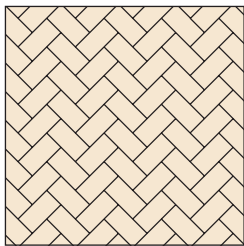
Boston Colonial and Georgetown Colonial Pavers may be installed in a wide variety of pattern designs including herringbones, running bonds, and basket weaves.



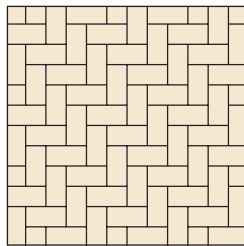
*Boston Colonial Pavers*



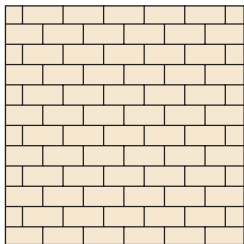
*Georgetown Colonial Pavers*



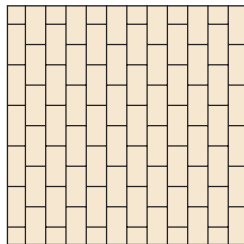
**45° Herringbone**



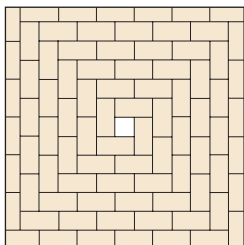
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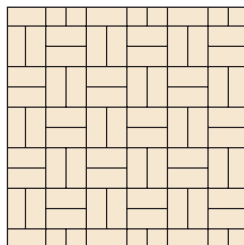
**Running Bond**



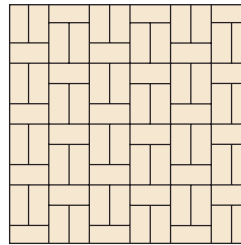
**Running Bond**  
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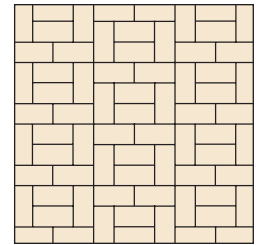
**Whirling Square**  
*with cut 4x4*



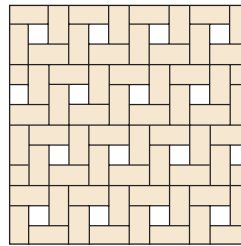
**Basket Weave**  
*Traditional #1*



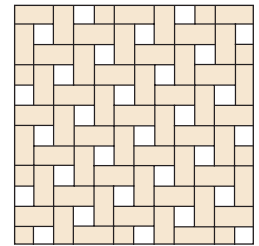
**Basket Weave**  
*Traditional #2*



**Basket Weave**  
*Variation*



**Basket Weave**  
*Offset with cut 4x4*

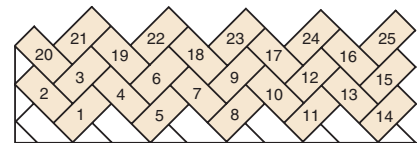


**Herringbone**  
*Variation with cut 4x4*

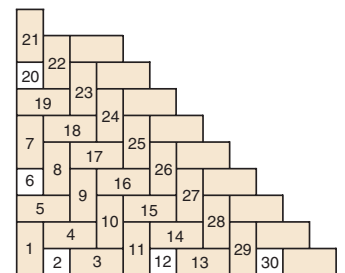
\*For patterns that require a 4" x 4" paver (shown as white units above), cut Boston or Georgetown Colonial Pavers® in half.

## Starting Herringbones

When starting herringbone patterns with Boston or Georgetown Colonial Pavers®, some units will need to be cut (shown as white units below). Start with the first paver and continue placing the pavers in the order shown. The order of placement shown below, known as the "Ladder," is the most efficient installation method.



**45° Herringbone Pattern**



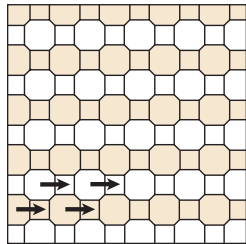
**90° Herringbone Pattern**

## Uni-Decor®

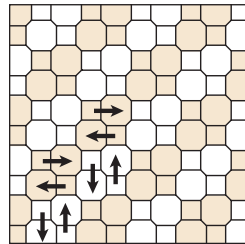
5 1/2" x 9" • 3.5 pcs/sf  
 6 cm or 8 cm thickness  
 6 cm - 103 sf/cube  
 8 cm - 80 sf/cube  
 - Made to order



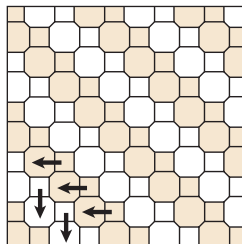
When installed, Uni-Decor's appearance remains the same regardless of pattern selected, however, different colors can be used to highlight pattern designs. Cut full pieces to fit edge or check with your Ideal Authorized Dealer for availability of pre-made edge pieces.



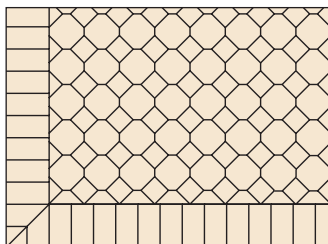
**Running Bond**



**Parquet/Basket Weave**



**90° Herringbone**



**45° Herringbone**

*With Boston Colonial Paver Soldier Course*

## Symetry®

### Symetry®

4 3/8" x 10 3/4"  
 6 cm thickness  
 3 pcs/sf • 84 sf/cube



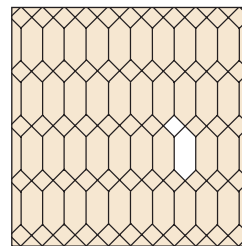
### Symetry® Squares

6 5/16" x 6 5/16"  
 6 cm thickness  
 3.62 pcs/sf • 104 sf/cube

Symetry can be installed in single stone patterns or in striking combinations with Symetry Squares.

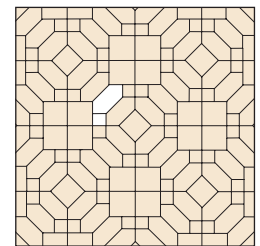
*White area shows a single Symetry paver within the patterns.*

*Coverage based on 100 square feet of pavement.*



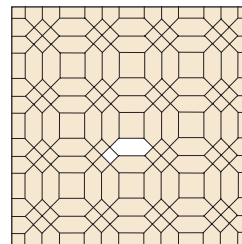
**Diamond Runner**

*100 sf Symetry*



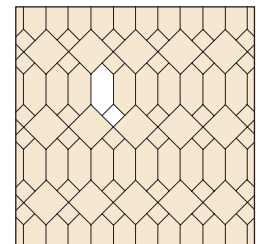
**Grand Parquet**

*66.2 sf Symetry • 33.8 sf Squares*



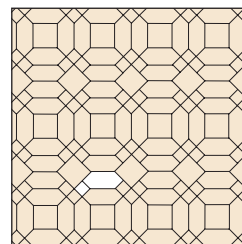
**Venetian Parquet**

*83 sf Symetry • 17 sf Squares*



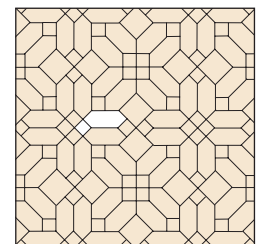
**Embassy Row**

*71 sf Symetry • 29 sf Squares*



**Georgian Parquet**

*78.5 sf Symetry • 21.5 sf Squares*



**Palace Parquet**

*83 sf Symetry • 17 sf Squares*

## MillStone™



### Large Rectangle

6 5/16" x 9 7/16" • 2.42 pcs/sf • 112 sf/cube

### Medium Rectangle

4 3/4" x 6 5/16" • 4.84 pcs/sf • 91 sf/cube

### Small Rectangle

3 1/8" x 6 5/16" • 7.24 pcs/sf • 96 sf/cube

### Square Stone

6 5/16" x 6 5/16" • 3.62 pcs/sf • 104 sf/cube

### Grand Square Stone

9 7/16" x 9 7/16" • 1.61 pcs/sf • 112 sf/cube

MillStone Pavers offer the look of tumbled stone with the ability to create virtually unlimited pattern designs.



## Yankee Cobble™



### Large Rectangle

6 5/16" x 9 7/16" • 2.42 pcs/sf • 112 sf/cube

### Medium Rectangle

4 3/4" x 6 5/16" • 4.84 pcs/sf • 91 sf/cube

### Small Rectangle

3 1/8" x 6 5/16" • 7.24 pcs/sf • 96 sf/cube

### Square Stone

6 5/16" x 6 5/16" • 3.62 pcs/sf • 104 sf/cube

### Grand Square Stone

9 7/16" x 9 7/16" • 1.61 pcs/sf • 112 sf/cube

Yankee Cobble's pressed corners are reminiscent of cobblestones used in New England streets of yesteryear.

## Town N' Country™



### Large Rectangle

6 5/16" x 9 7/16" • 2.42 pcs/sf • 112 sf/cube

### Square Stone

6 5/16" x 6 5/16" • 3.62 pcs/sf • 104 sf/cube

### Grand Square Stone

9 7/16" x 9 7/16" • 1.61 pcs/sf • 112 sf/cube

Town N' Country features design versatility with its Flip N' Place dual surfaces and popular shapes and sizes.

All MillStone, Yankee Cobble, and Town N' Country pavers are 6 cm thick. Please see the following pages for pattern information.



## Pattern Chart - Yankee Cobble™ Town N' Country™ & MillStone™

PATTERN	YANKEE COBBLE	MILLSTONE	TOWN N' COUNTRY
1	✓	✓	✓
2	✓	✓	✓
3	✓	✓	✓
4	✓	✓	✓
6	✓	✓	✓
19	✓	✓	
20	✓	✓	✓
21	✓	✓	✓
Circles	✓	✓	
GS 1	✓	✓	✓
GS 2	✓	✓	✓
GS 4	✓	✓	✓
GS 6	✓	✓	
GS7	✓	✓	
GS 9	✓	✓	✓
GS 10	✓	✓	✓
GS 13	✓	✓	✓

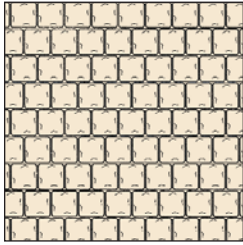
This pattern chart provides guidance in selecting patterns. Any of the patterns are suitable for walkways, patios, and pool decks. While running bonds and basket weaves may be used for residential driveways, herringbone patterns provide the greatest degree of interlock. Stack bond patterns should only be utilized for applications limited to pedestrian traffic.

Placing stones in a pattern is like painting by numbers. Most patterns are comprised of just a small combination of stones that are repeated throughout. Once you get started, simply follow the laying order. The order of stones will help establish a sense and rhythm to whatever pattern you choose. Be sure to always start at a 90° corner or along a straight edge, even when the pavement curves, and remember to pull string lines as you progress to keep the pattern from going astray! We have shown some of the most popular patterns here. For additional pattern designs, ask your **Ideal Dealer** for our Yankee Cobble, MillStone and Town N' Country **Patterns with Style**.

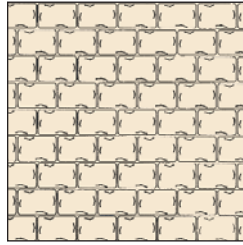
# Patterns - Yankee Cobble™ Town N' Country™ & MillStone™

Running bond, basket weave and herringbone patterns are the most popular, however, these pavers also may be installed in random patterns as well.

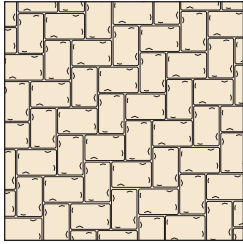
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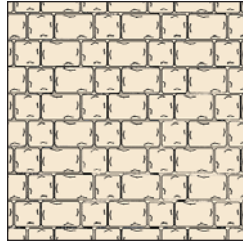
**Pattern 1**  
100 sf Squares



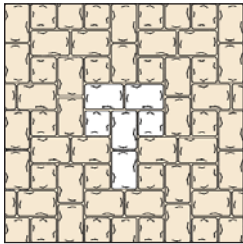
**Pattern 2**  
100 sf Rectangles



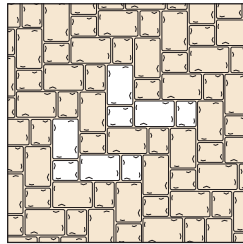
**Pattern 3**  
100 sf Rectangles



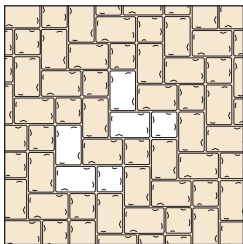
**Pattern 4**  
40 sf Squares • 60 sf Lg. Rectangles



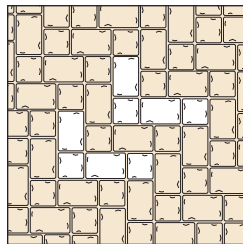
**Pattern 6**  
27.5 sf Squares  
72.5 sf Lg. Rectangles



**Pattern 19**  
33 sf Med. Rectangles  
67 sf Lg. Rectangles



**Pattern 20**  
25 sf Squares • 75 sf Lg. Rectangles

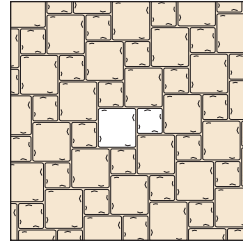


**Pattern 21**  
40 sf Squares • 60 sf Lg. Rectangles

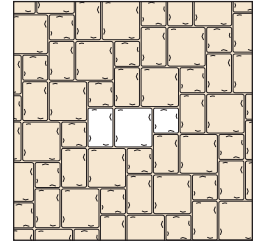
# Patterns - Yankee Cobble™ Town N' Country™ & MillStone™

The Grand Square is proportionately sized to fit with the standard square and large rectangle for patterns with impressive scale and dimension.

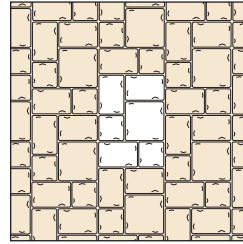
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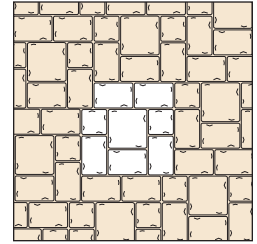
**GS Pattern 1**  
69 sf Grand Squares  
23 sf Squares  
31 sf Rectangles



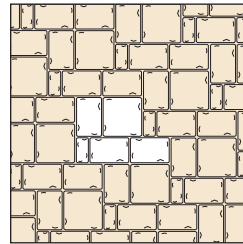
**GS Pattern 2**  
47 sf Grand Sq. • 21 sf Squares  
32 sf Lg. Rectangles



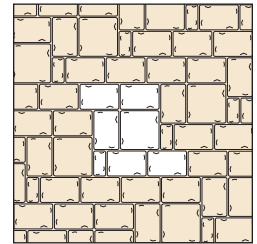
**GS Pattern 3**  
26 sf Grand Sq. • 23 sf Squares  
51 sf Lg. Rectangles



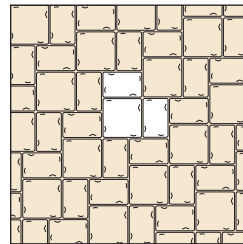
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19 sf Grand Sq. • 17 sf Squares  
64 sf Lg. Rectangles



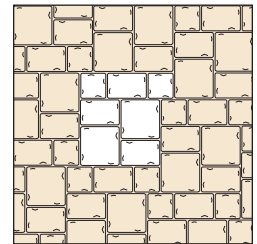
**GS Pattern 6**  
31 sf Grand Sq. • 62 sf Lg. Rects.  
7 sf Sm. Rectangles



**GS Pattern 7**  
22 sf Grand Sq. • 73 sf Lg. Rect.  
5 sf Sm. Rectangles



**GS Pattern 9**  
43 sf Grand Squares  
18 sf Squares  
57 sf Lg. Rectangles

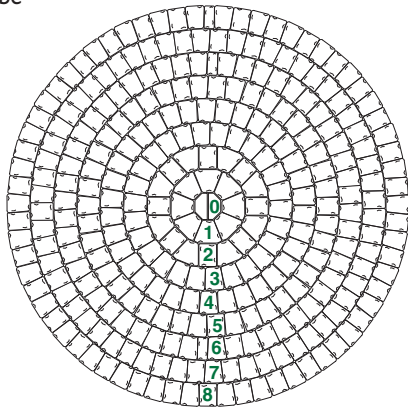


**GS Pattern 10**  
41 sf Grand Sq. • 18 sf Squares  
41 sf Lg. Rectangles

## Yankee Cobble™ & MillStone™ Circles

Packaged as follows:

- 6 - Center Stone
- 18 - Large Wedge Stone
- 174 - Small Wedge Stone
- 120 - Medium Rectangle
- 6 - Small Rectangle
- 64 sf/cube



### LEGEND

- CS - Center Stone
- LW - Large Wedge
- SW - Small Wedge
- MR - Medium Rectangle
- SR - Small Rectangle

Row	Diameter	CS	LW	SW	MR	SR	#Packages
0	6 1/4"	2					1st Circle Pak
1	19 1/4"		8				
2	31 3/4"		8		8		
3	44 1/2"			26			
4	57 1/2"			34			
5	70"			21	21		
6	83"			26	24	2	
7	96"			30	30		
8	108 1/2"			34	33	1	2nd Circle Pak
9	120 3/4"			38	38		
10	133 1/2"			42	42		
11	146 1/4"			45	45		
12	159"			49	49		Medium Rectangle Package
13	171 3/4"				106		
14	184 1/2"				115		

Use Medium Rectangle and/or Square stones to expand the circle beyond the 14 rows shown in chart. Additional rows will increase the diameter in increments of approximately 12 3/4".

## Eco-Friendly Pavements

### Aqua-Bric®

- 4" x 8"
- 6 cm thickness
- 4.50 pcs/sf • 108 sf/cube



Aqua-Bric is a pedestrian-friendly, ADA compliant permeable interlocking concrete paver that allows infiltration of rainwater through aggregate-filled joints into the ground below to manage stormwater runoff. It can be installed in the same popular patterns as our Boston Colonial Pavers.

### Eco-Stone®

- 4 1/2" x 9"
- 8 cm thickness
- 3.55 pcs/sf • 79 sf/cube



Eco-Stone is a permeable interlocking concrete paver that is ideal for commercial and municipal applications, as well as residential projects. Eco-Stone's unique shape provides the same surface appearance with all installation patterns.

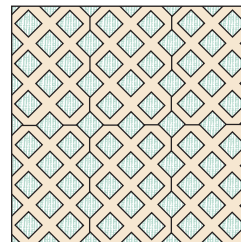
Please see page 14 for permeable pavement installation information.

### Turfstone™

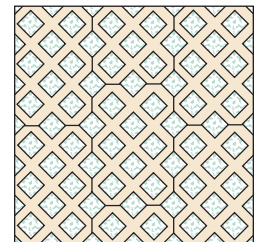
- 23 5/8" x 15 3/4"
- 8 cm thickness
- 2.6 sf/pc • 146 sf/cube



Turfstone is a large paving unit with openings that can be planted with grass to provide a "green" pavement or can be filled with stone to help manage stormwater runoff and allow for the infiltration of rainwater. For information on the installation of Turfstone pavements, contact **Ideal**.



Stack Bond



Running Bond 3/4 Offset

**Ideal Concrete Block Company, Inc.** has been making quality concrete masonry products since 1923. As one of the first companies in the United States to manufacture concrete pavers, we bring you over 30 years of experience and have sold millions of square feet of pavers and countless landscape walls throughout New England! You can rely on Ideal...

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