

Project Overview



An inviting flagstone pathway is the perfect way to welcome visitors to your yard or favorite flower garden. Flagstone paths are a practical way to control traffic patterns and provide a perfect accent to your landscape. There are many options and a wide selection of styles and colors to blend in seamlessly with your home and its surroundings.

You can build it! Installing a flagstone pathway on your property is an easy project for the "do it yourselfer". As with any project, the key is planning. Selecting the correct style of flagstone material is an important starting point. For example, does your project require irregular shapes or precut flagstone with uniform shapes and sizes? The following are other factors, which should be taken into consideration before beginning your project;

- What is the length and width of your pathway? Correct estimates can save time and labor.
- What is the proper base material for your pathway? Sand, pea gravel, and chipped limestone are all suitable materials.
- Will a drainage system be incorporated into the construction of the pathway?
- Will steps be built into the pathway to address changes in elevation?

If you are searching for ways to create a beautiful and useful flagstone pathway, your friends at GE Landscape Supply are here to assist you with all your landscaping needs. Whether it is estimating quantities of materials, determining which material best suits your project, or assisting with site selection, our goal is to help you create the landscape you desire.

Recommended Tools



Installation



Place the stones where you think they will work best. Arrange them so the spaces between them provide a comfortable stepping distance. Adjust the stones to create gradual curves if desired. Walk the path in both directions a couple of times and make any final adjustments.



Once the flagstones are in their permanent spots, cut into the sod and around them with a sharp shovel to mark the shape. Remove two inches of soil plus the depth of the stone to make room for the base material and the stone.



Add about two inches of sand and smooth it out to make a stable but pliable base for the stone. Without sand, the pathway would be less stable and the stones would be prone to cracking.



Place the flagstone into the layer of sand or other base material and gradually twist the stone into place. Stones should not rock or teeter.



Check to make sure the stones are level to the ground. If they aren't, adjust the sand and stone accordingly.



Lay a 2x4 board across the surface of the flagstone and tap the board with a rubber mallet to seat the flagstone firmly in place. Double check the level of the stones.



Fill the area in between the stones with mulch, gravel or sand. Sweep the filler material into all of the gaps. Thoroughly water the pathway to wash the stones and help them and the material settle.



Sit back, relax and enjoy the functional beauty that a flagstone walkway provides.