

PRODUCT INSTALLATION GUIDE

COBBLESTONES





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Cobblestones are great for pathways, driveways and outdoor spaces such as patios and garden walkways. Their rustic charm and durability make them a popular choice for adding a touch of elegance to any outdoor area. The unique texture and earthy tones of cobblestones create a timeless look that enhances the overall aesthetic of a property.



All tips and guidelines should be taken as general advice and should be used in addition to the relevant Australian standards. These tips and advice are given in good faith. In no way do these replace the service of professional contractors / consultants.



Installation Tips

Installing natural stone sheets requires precision and the right tools to ensure a successful installation. Here is a step-by-step guide along with a list of tools you will need:

Tools Required:

- Measuring tape
- Chalk or marking tool
- Rubber mallet or wooden block
- Level
- 12mm notch trowel
- Grout float
- Soft brush or sponge
- Bucket
- Damp cloth or sponge for cleaning
- Safety glasses and gloves (recommended for handling materials and using adhesives)
- Dust mask when mixing sand and cement or adhesive and grout.
- Wet saw (can be rented from Kennards Hire) for cutting stone sheets
- Cement mixer or wheelbarrow for mixing sand and cement (for larger jobs)
- Adhesive, grout, and sealer products as per manufacturer's directions

Installation Steps



Laying Sand & Cement with Concrete Slab

Preparation:

Assess the area where you plan to install the cobblestone and ensure it is suitable for the intended purpose. If there is an existing slab and it's in good order, proceed to lay in sand and cement.

When purchasing multiple crates of stone pavers, combine them on-site and mix them well to blend the natural colour variations. This will create a more consistent look for your installation.

Instructions:

Step 1: Mixing The Mortar - Combine 4 White Brick Sand, 1GP cement, lime, and 1 cap of plasticiser. Gradually add water while mixing until you achieve a workable consistency that holds its shape without slumping.

Step 2: Setting Up - Decide on your starting point.

Step 3: Laying The Mortar - Run a string line along the length of each row to ensure straight lines. Apply the mortar to the concrete slab at a depth of 20mm. You can adjust the depth for additional height or to create a fall (10mm per meter).

Step 4: Placing The sheets - Carefully position the sheets using a clean notch trowel and use the flat piece of the trowel to tap down on top of the cobbles. This will help flatten the trowel notches and ensure good adhesion. Check the level of each cobbles after placement and adjust as needed.

Step 5: Cleaning & Finishing - Wash away excess mortar from the grout lines between the sheets. Smooth out any mortar on the sides of the sheets. If possible, reuse leftover mortar for the final row. Otherwise, completely remove any excess mortar before it dries.

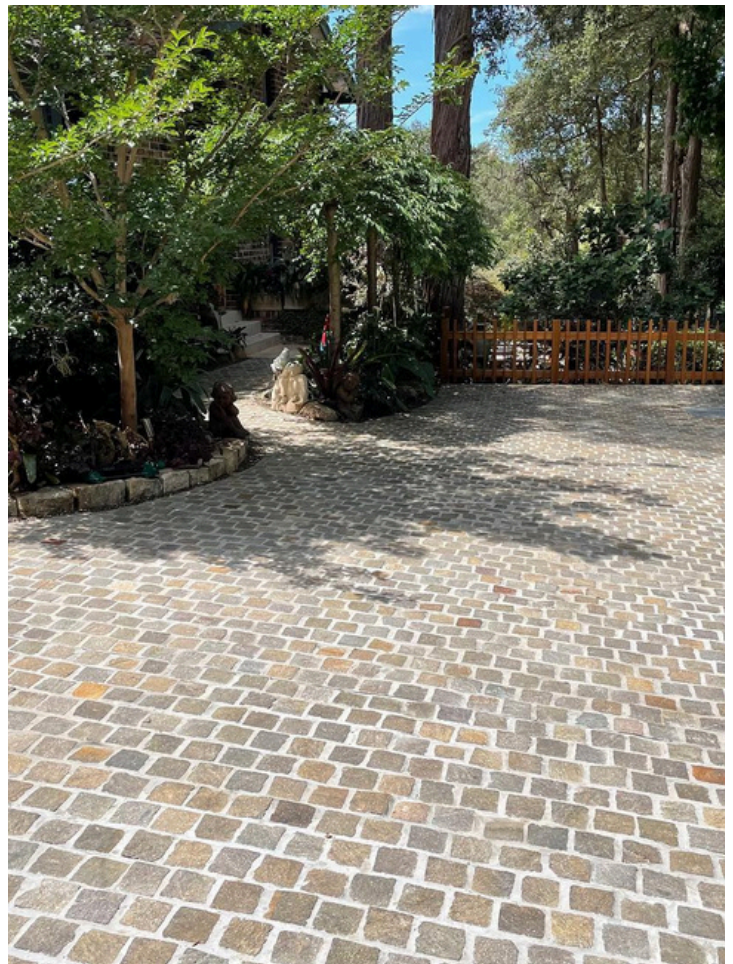
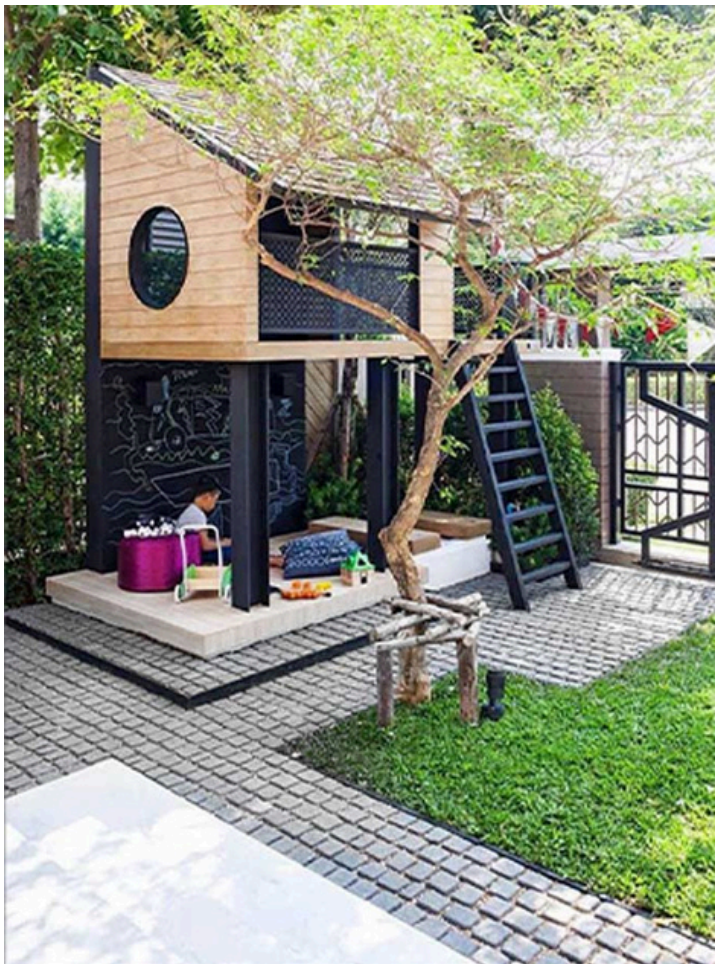
Step 6: Foundation Check - Ensure that there's no sand & cement protruding above the height of the stone.

Step 7: Grouting - Mix up your required grout to a toothpaste consistency, meaning you can pick it up with your hand and it won't ooze through your fingers when you hold it in the palm of your hands. Use your rubber grout float slightly angled upward to use the point of the float to push the grout into your grout lines. Give it a light scrape, and flip the float onto its edge at an angle of more than 45 degrees and pull towards you angling across the grout lines. Doing it this way avoids pulling any of the grout out of the lines.

Step 8: Washing - When grouting, most trades use a friendly system called "Wash Boy Grout Bucket", which is available from Bunnings. This should be done throughout the grouting process to ensure no grout residue is left to harden on the surface on the tiles.

Note: For Natural Split Cobbles, be extremely vigilant in spotting any grout that may get caught up in any of the undulations. This can be washed out with a small sponge.

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Laying on Crushed Rock

On Crushed Rock: Cobblestones sheets on crushed rock require a minimum thickness of 20mm.

Excavation Depths:

- For 20mm cobblestones: Excavate the area to a depth of at least 70mm. This should consist of:
 - 30mm of compacted crushed rock
 - 20mm of sand and cement mix
 - 20mm of selected stone

Follow installation guide as if it was on a slab.

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Laying Cobblestones with Adhesive on Concrete Slab

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Step 2: Setting Up - Decide on your starting point.

Step 3: Layout & String Line - Decide on your starting point. Set a string line along the length of each row for straight lines. If using a brick bond pattern, the string line can be a centre guide.

Step 4: Applying Adhesive - Use a 12mm notch trowel to spread the adhesive onto the concrete slab, covering approximately two paver lengths at a time. Hold the trowel at a 45-degree angle to maximise the use of the notches.

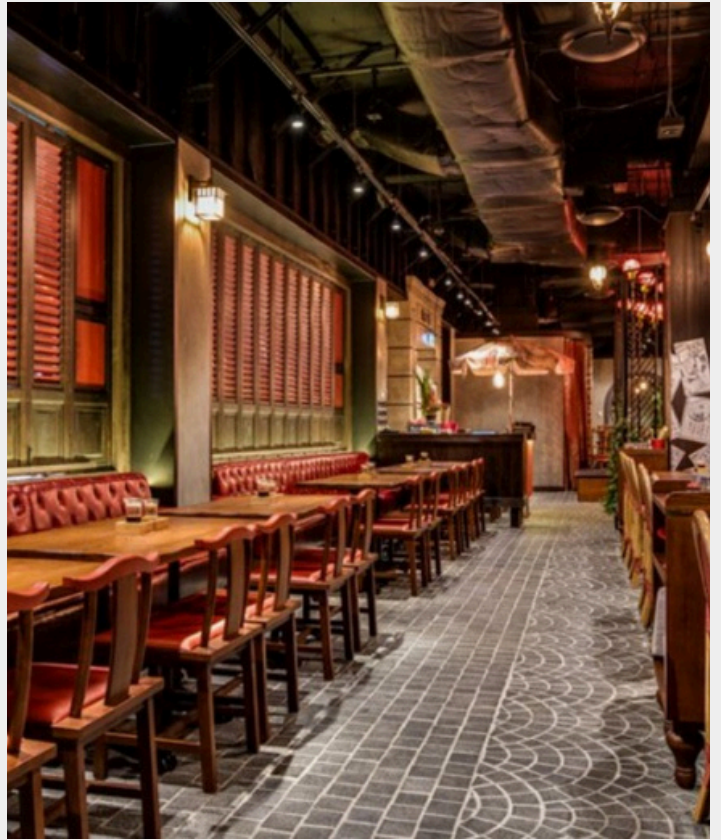
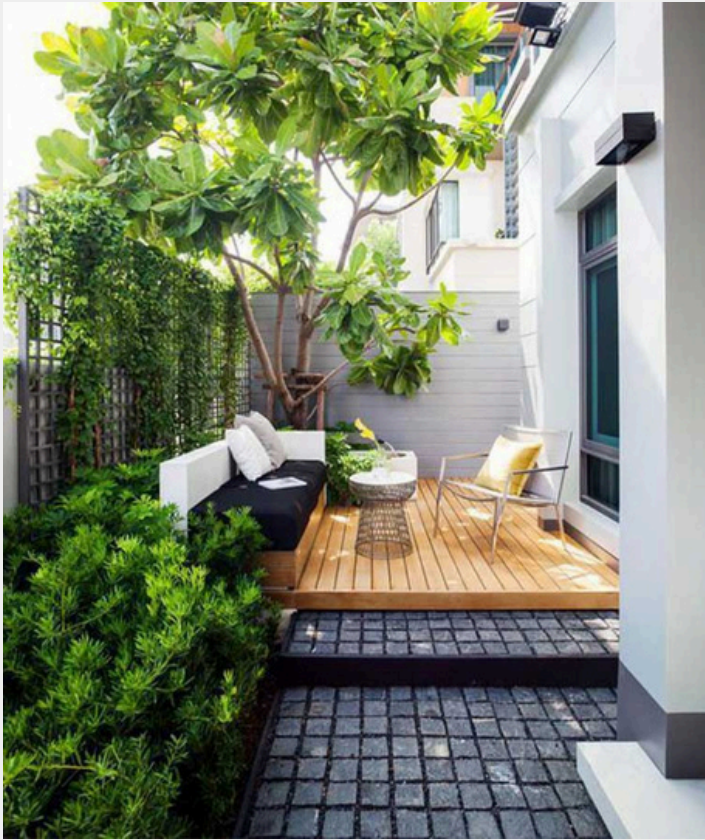
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Curing and Cleaning:

Allow approximately 5 days for pavers laid in adhesive or 2 weeks for pavers laid in sand and cement to cure before proceeding with cleaning and sealing.

Clean the cobblestones using a mild detergent and water, scrubbing gently with a high pressure cleaner to remove any remaining grout residue or stains.

Rinse thoroughly with clean water to ensure all cleaning agents are removed.

Sealing (if required):

Depending on the type of natural stone and desired level of protection, consider applying a suitable sealer to enhance the appearance and provide additional durability.

Follow the manufacturer's instructions for the specific sealer, applying it evenly and allowing it to dry completely before use.

Remember to always refer to the manufacturer's guidelines for the specific natural stone pavers you are installing, as recommendations may vary. Following these steps and adhering to the directions on adhesive, grout, and sealer products will help ensure a successful and professional-looking installation of your natural stone paving.

Maintenance & Cleaning

Like any surface, stone will require a degree of maintenance. The correct sealing from the start is the key to minimal maintenance.

Heavily tracked areas will require more maintenance than those that are seldom used. The main maintenance regime required for stone is regular sweeping and vacuuming.

The use of abrasive, acidic or alkali household detergents should be avoided, as they can remove the tiles surface sealant or in extreme cases damage stone.

Please note: acidic cleaners should not be used, unless professionally recommended.

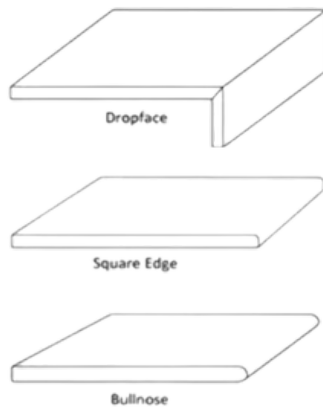
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Edge Profiles

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Product Features



Durable



Non-Slip



Outdoor



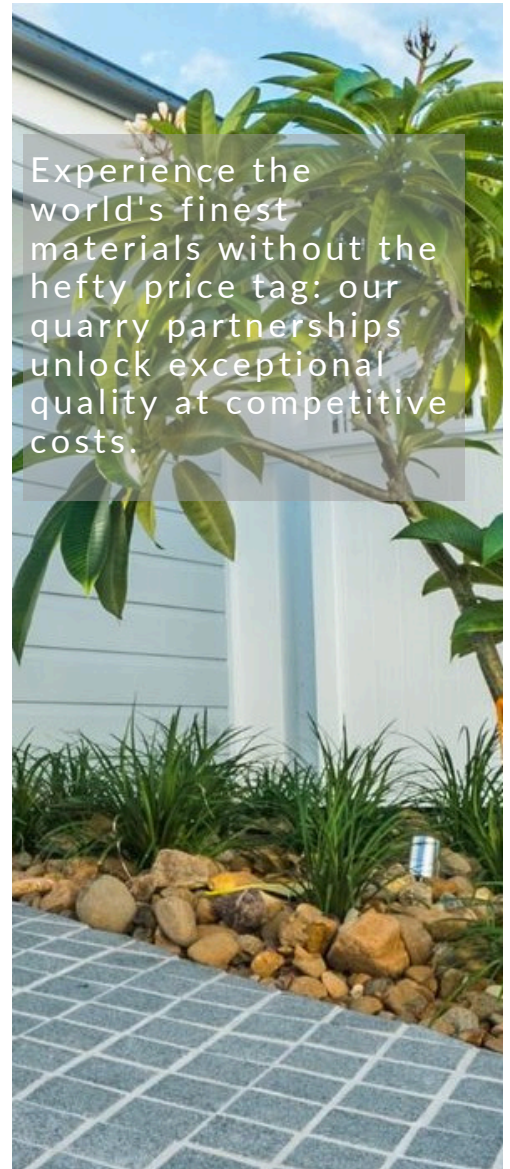
Low Heat
Absorption



Low
Maintenance



Project Sizes
Available



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