

"How-To" use Decorative Rock



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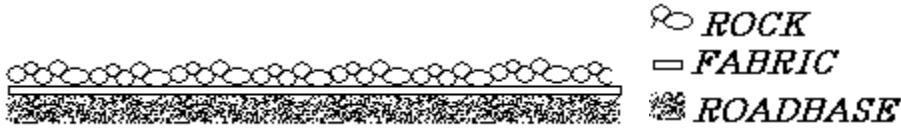
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Decorative rock can spice up a garden pathway by adding color and defining the space. This type of rock can also be used as an alternative to grass in desert climates, saving the time and energy of maintaining a lawn in harsh conditions. Decorative rock comes in a variety of colors, including various shades of white(pink), brown, black, gray and red. Its size ranges from small gravel (3/8") to golf-ball sized pebbles (1 1/2").

- 1) Determine the location where you'll install the decorative rock.
- 2) Mark the area of the path or lawn with a rope or spray paint.
- 3) Dig out the soil within the border of the rope to a depth of three to four inches. A square-edged spade tends to work best for this task.
- 4) Smooth the bottom of the area with the spade, making it as even and compact as possible
- 5) Add a layer of crushed stone to the area and rake it flat. This creates a solid base for the decorative rock. (Usually road base; a 3/4" minus product with high compaction.)
- 6) Compact the road base by lightly spraying with a garden hose and then pressing with a hand tamper tool until flat.
- 7) Place a layer of weed fabric over the crushed stone (road base), with the shiny side of the material facing upward. This fabric prevents weeds from growing through from the bottom. "R" Rock Yard has 3.5 oz. industrial grade weed fabric which is almost twice as thick as most building stores and usually half the cost.

8) Fill the area with your decorative rock and rake it smooth.



- When installing the landscape fabric, it may be helpful to use spikes to hold the fabric to the ground. This helps to prevent bunching.
- If you're creating a path or filling in the side of a sloped area, it may be useful to install edging around the area to prevent migration of the rocks.
- It may be necessary to re-fill the area with the decorative rock from time to time.
- If using Decorative Rock for a driveway... you will want to skip the weed fabric under the stones.

All these materials are available at "R" Rock Yard
For good coverage always figure double the size of the rock your or you will have bare spots. *Ex: when using a ¾" rock... figure at least 1 ½" thick/depth.*

COVERAGE CHART

ONE TON WILL COVER

1" deep	240 sq. feet
2" deep	110 sq. feet
3" deep	80 sq. feet
4" deep	60 sq. feet
6" deep	40 sq. feet
12" deep	20 sq. feet