

HOW TO...

BRICK PAVING

Brick paving can be installed over existing concrete as long as it is in fairly good condition. To ensure an adequate foundation for the brick, the existing concrete slab or should be inspected and repaired as necessary. Any large cracks, holes or dips should be rectified in order to achieve a flat surface.

The brick can be installed either with or without mortar.

If mortar is used, you may consider hiring a bricklayer for the job. If you do the job yourself, the concrete slab should be prepared in the same manner as below. A 12mm mortar setting bed should then be applied upon which the bricks are set with mortar placed between the pavers.

Only a small area should receive the setting bed at a time in order to ensure that it does not set prior to laying the brick.

If no mortar is used, a half-inch setting bed of coarse sand should be laid, leveled and compacted. An edging of metal or heavy-duty plastic should then be placed around the perimeter of the brickwork and set to just below the height of the finished brick surface.

Pavers can then be placed in a wide variety of patterns on top of the sand. The bricks should be placed as close to each other as possible and lightly bedded in with a soft mallet whilst maintaining a level surface. It may be necessary to cut some of the brick near the edging.

Once the brick are all in place, spread bricklayer's sand between the bricks and over the surface. Sweep away excess surface sand and the job is done.