

# WestStone How to Lay your Drycast Pavers



## STEP 1.

For light pedestrian use on well consolidated ground, excavate the depth of the pavers plus 50mm for the WESTSTONE-BASE-COURSE layer. For heavy garden equipment, vehicle traffic, hard standing or poor ground – a sub base of 150 – 200mm depth is required. The sub base should be well compacted and consist G&P-20 or similar (not larger than 25mm aggregate). Provide a fall of 10 – 15mm over every 1 metre to allow for water runoff. The falls should be away from the house or walls unless linear surface drainage channels are used. Building regulations require paving to be a minimum height below the floor level. Check your local building regulations for this information.



## STEP 2.

Any area of pavers must be surrounded by a firm edge restraint to stop the blocks and sand from moving sideways. New and existing walls, kerbs or the pavers themselves laid on a suitable concrete bed can all be used to serve this purpose. Any concrete used to fix edge restraints must be allowed time to cure and gain strength before any vibration is commenced.



## STEP 3.

After sub base excavation and fill (if required) screed out WESTSTONE-BASECOURSE on top of the sub base within the restrained area to an approximate depth of 65mm. Then compact with a plate compactor (obtained from you local hire shop). Then spread WESTSTONE-WASHED-SAND over at approx 5-10mm thickness and screed off to give a firmly compacted thickness of 50mm. One tonne of WESTSTONE-BASE-COURSE covers approximately 8m<sup>2</sup>.



## STEP 4

Individual pavers are then simply placed onto the sand bed and according to the pattern, laying progresses from a corner or long edge and should proceed along one laying face until work is finalised. Pavers from several packs should be well mixed to enhance colour blending.



## STEP 5.

Cutting of pavers may be required to fill gaps between edge restraints. This may be done using a hammer and bolster chisel. If a lot of cutting is necessary, a mechanical block splitter or power cutter can be hired.



## STEP 6.

With a stiff broom, thoroughly brush a quality joint sand over the pavers to fill the joints before



compacting. For smaller areas use a rubber mallet to compact. For larger areas use a plate compactor. Carpet may be required when compacting these pavers to help prevent them from cracking. Keep sweeping WESTSTONE-SWEEP-IN-GROUT in until all joints are topped up. Sweep in thoroughly to avoid staining during spraying. Then spray a fine mist of water over the area to help set the grout. ONLY USE SMALL AMOUNT OF WATER

## STEP 7.

To maintain a just laid look, you can seal your pavers using either WESTSTONE-SEALER product of your choice. Talk to your local Weststone distributor about WESTSTONE-SEALER for your pavers. Unsealed paving will weather naturally making colours appear less intense.

## STEP 7.

Step back – relax and enjoy the finished result.

### WHAT YOU NEED: CHECKLIST

- ☐ PAVERS: Calculate required amount  
Granular fill for the sub base use:
- ☐ WESTSTONE-BASE-COURSE (Bagged 1000KG)
- ☐ WASHED-SAND
- ☐ SWEEP-IN-GROUT
- ☐ CEMENT      ☐ BUILDERS MIX
- ☐ Shovel, spade and rake
- ☐ Tape measure   ☐ Level
- ☐ Stakes and stringline   ☐ Gloves and earmuffs
- ☐ Compactor   ☐ Wheel barrow
- ☐ Straight edge/screed
- ☐ Bolster or paving saw to cut pavers



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