

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

- Paving can be directly laid onto a 50mm layer of sharp sand on top of firmly compacted soil which has been cleared of vegetation. However, your patio will be more stable if you lay it on a bed of firm foundations.
- Always dry lay your patio first to make sure you are happy with the pattern and to double-check the size of the finished area.
- Ask your stockist to calculate how much all-in ballast, building and sharp sand you will need and order accordingly.

STEP 1: Dig down at least 150mm below the damp proof course then another 150mm for the paving/foundations.

STEP 2: Ensure that water cannot collect besides buildings by allowing a slight fall away to a convenient place. This should be invisible to the naked eye.

STEP 3: Cover the entire area with a semi-dry foundation mix of 6 parts all-in ballast to 1 part cement to a minimum depth of 75mm. Make sure this is firmed with a piece of timber. Remember to allow for the thickness of the paving stones on the mortar bed.

STEP 4: Lay the first paving stone in the corner of the area to be paved on a full bed of mortar (3 to 4 parts of building sand to 1 part cement). Tap down the centre of the stone to the required height with a wooden or rubber mallet. Ensure the paving is level by using a spirit level.

STEP 5: Continue laying more stones being careful to ensure the joints are evenly spaced.

STEP 6: Once all your stones are laid, point the joints using a semi-dry mortar mix of 3 parts building sand to 1 part cement. The mix should not be too wet or too dry.

Photography

Left to right
Site preparation

Laying paving

Pointing paving

