

# how to choose pavers

## step 1

Look through this brochure, lifestyle magazines and on-line to gather ideas on the look you want to achieve. Try [www.boralsampler.com.au](http://www.boralsampler.com.au), a great new tool for selecting Boral products and colours.



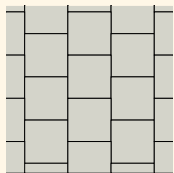
## step 2

Using the table on the right hand page, choose a style and size of paver to suit your needs. Boral offers large format pavers which are equal to or greater than 300mm (length) x 300mm (width).

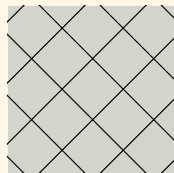
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Select a colour that complements your area, home and surroundings. Remember to try the Boral Sampler to give you an idea of how colours look together. The way you lay the pavers also affects the overall aesthetic.

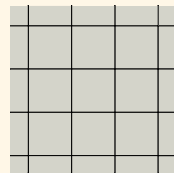
Pattern for square pavers include:



STRETCHER BOND

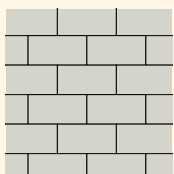


STACKED BOND 45°

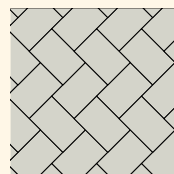


STACKED BOND 90°

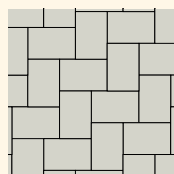
For rectangular pavers:



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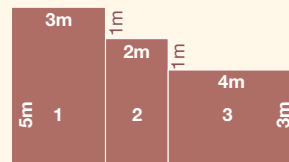
## step 4

Measure your area to be paved to determine quantity of pavers required.

This area is simply calculated by length (m) x width (m) = area (m<sup>2</sup>) for basic square or rectangular spaces (m = metres).



For odd shapes, break your area into sections.



- 1) 5m x 3m = 15m<sup>2</sup>
  - 2) 4m x 2m = 8m<sup>2</sup>
  - 3) 3m x 4m = 12m<sup>2</sup>
- Total = 35m<sup>2</sup>

For triangular areas:



- $1/2 \times \text{base (m)} \times \text{height (m)} = \text{area (m}^2\text{)}$   
e.g.  $1/2 \times 4\text{m} \times 3\text{m} = 6\text{m}^2$   
(Allow up to 5% extra pavers for wastage such as cuts and breakages.)

You can also measure your area using our on-line calculator. Go to [www.boral.com.au/pavingcalc](http://www.boral.com.au/pavingcalc)

## step 5

Choose to DIY, or hire a professional contractor.

Refer to Page 18 for a basic guide to laying pavers.

A more comprehensive "Boral Guide to Laying Pavers" as well as videos are available at:

[www.boral.com.au/landscaping](http://www.boral.com.au/landscaping)

Stockists can also be found at this website.



This is general information and should be viewed as a guide only. Boral urges you to ensure that you obtain appropriate professional advice tailored to your circumstances before commencing paving projects.

# general tips



- Always look at pavers outside in the natural light.
- Select pavers that match internal floor coverings to ensure the transition from indoor out is subtle and blends with your decorating style.
- When paving a small space keep the design simple and use a neutral coloured, large format paver to create a sense of space.
- Large format pavers, such as Aspenstone® and Stoneworks™ Travertine, speed up the laying process.
- Having trouble growing grass in heavy traffic areas? Consider a paved garden path. Paved paths also help direct traffic and can reduce the amount of dirt carried into your home.
- To make a path appear more substantial, use a stretcher bond laying pattern across the width of the path.
- If paving a slope, it is important to start at the bottom and pave up the slope.
- Paved areas should fall away from buildings and towards areas where run-off can be absorbed by plants.
- Keep labour cost down by clearing the area first by removing grass and existing pavers, and potting any plants you want to keep.
- Boral recommends that concrete pavers be sealed with a quality penetrating sealer following installation.

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Product name	Aspenstone®	Stoneworks™ Travertine	Stoneworks™	Bradstone® Cobbles	Bradstone® Oldtown	Abode®	Coast®	Stylestone™	Terrazinni®
Typical applications									
Pedestrian (paths, patios, courtyards)									
Pools									
Bullnose (for steps and pool surrounds)									
Pre-sealed*									
Paver shape									
Paver size (LxW in mm)	600 x 400	500 x 500	400 x 400	450 x 300	600 x 300 450 x 300 300 x 300	450 x 450	400 x 400	400 x 400	400 x 400 600 x 400

\*Pre-sealed pavers: During the manufacturing process a fine mist of penetrative sealer is sprayed onto the pavers. This assists in minimising the short-term absorption of stains only. For maximum ongoing protection, Boral recommends that all pavers should be sealed with a quality penetrating sealer following installation. Please check with a qualified tradesperson for advice on this process. Boral does not accept liability for stained or damaged pavers.

# quick guide to laying pavers

## 01 prepare the site

Excavate the area to be paved to allow for the base layer (generally 100 -150mm thick of road base), bedding sand (generally 30mm thick coarse washed river sand) and the paver thickness. Establish falls and levels using a spirit level on the screen board. Spread the road base to an even thickness and compact using a mechanical plate compactor.



## 02 add the bedding sand

Spread and screed the bedding sand. The easiest way to screed sand is to use two guides (screed rails) and a screeding board (e.g. a flat piece of timber). Establish bedding tracks with the screeding board.



## 03 level the surface

Bed the screed rails into the bedding sand. Drag the screeding board in a sawing motion from side to side across the rails to create a firm, flat laying surface.



## 04 set the lines

Set string lines at right angles to establish paving lines. These will help keep the joints straight for that truly professional look.



## 05 begin the laying

Start laying along the longest straight edge of the designated area and lay whole pavers first. Leave 3-5mm between pavers to allow for jointing sand (unless the pavers have nibs).



## 06 cut pavers

Cut and position part-pavers if the job requires them. Edge restraints prevent the pavers from moving – refer to the “Boral Guide to Laying Pavers” for more details.







## 07 fill the joints

Sweep jointing sand over the finished dry paving, ensuring that all joints are full. As an alternative, use Geo-Fix®, a ready-to-use joint mortar.



## 08 finishing touches

Compact the surface, add more jointing sand, sweep off excess and repeat.

### sand filled joints:

#### a. Pavers 50mm thick or greater

Surface to be plate compacted. Always remember to use a rubber mat or carpet beneath the plate compactor to prevent damage to the pavers.

#### b. Pavers 40mm thick or less

Surface to be hand compacted with a rubber mallet.

### Geo-Fix® mortar

Surface to be hand compacted with a rubber mallet prior to Geo-Fix® application.



## Geo-Fix®

### Geo-Fix® is an air-cured joint filler for pavers and retaining walls

This ready to use jointing material is suitable for applying a permanent, rigid joint over 5mm wide and a minimum 25mm deep on all types of paving including concrete, natural stone, slate, clay and granite.

It means no more trowelling, hiring a compactor, wasting water and hours of cleaning to complete the task – simply scatter, sweep and leave.

For a complete guide to Geo-Fix® visit [www.boral.com.au/geofix](http://www.boral.com.au/geofix)

Not available in Victoria.



## caring for pavers

### prevention is better than cure

- Sweep regularly with a stiff bristled broom to keep pavers free from debris.
- For maximum protection we suggest pavers are sealed after installation with a penetrating sealer. (Please check with a reputable sealing company for advice.)
- Re-seal pavers as required taking special care in heavy wear areas and salt-water locations.
- During construction, cover the paved areas to protect against damage.
- Protect your pavers against possible staining from mortar, oxides, cement and rust.
- The use of acid and chemically-based cleaning agents should be undertaken by a professional. They can be hazardous if used incorrectly.
- In all cases, attempt to clean a stain before it hardens or dries up.

Visit [www.boral.com.au/pavers](http://www.boral.com.au/pavers)

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