

# Backyard Patio Ideas Using Patio Squares, Flagstone & Colored Concrete

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Updating, improving or creating a backyard patio can boost your curb appeal and increase the value of your home. A backyard patio creates an atmosphere where your family and friends will want to kick back and relax. Staker Parson Companies has the materials you need whether you want to do-it-yourself or hire a professional. Here are three backyard patio ideas:

## PATIO SQUARES



Installing patio squares is an easy do-it-yourself project. Staker Parson Companies Landscape Centers sell patio squares that are 18 inches by 18 inches and come in rose and blue jay color. Squares can be spaced several inches apart if you want to grow grass or moss between them or placed close together to prevent anything from growing between them.

Creating a strong base with road base and sand will help prevent the patio squares from settling in extreme weather conditions. Prepare a stable base for patio squares by placing road base two to three inches deep. On top of the road base, place one to two inches of concrete sand. Place the patio squares on top of the base.

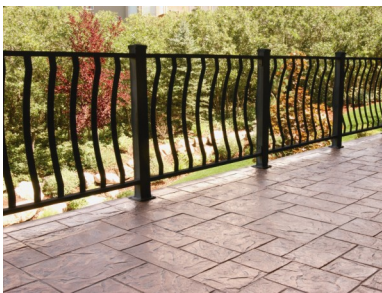
## FLAGSTONE



Flagstone sizes vary from small stepping stones to large stones three or four feet in diameter. Flagstone comes in natural colors that will make the patio blend in with its surroundings, or if you want a color that pops, flagstone comes in red and blue.

Just like patio squares, flagstone needs a stable base. Because flagstone is not as thick as patio squares, we recommend placing four inches of road base. Place one to two inches of concrete sand on top of the road base. Then shimmy the flagstone into the sand piece by piece using a rubber mallet and level to fit the flagstone together and ensure that it is level. Once the flagstone has been placed, sweep concrete sand into the joints. Some people choose to spray the joints with Interlock, but it is optional.

## COLORED CONCRETE



If you desire to build a patio that will create a bold and unique statement, colored or decorative concrete is the way to go. Pouring a colored concrete patio will likely require help from a professional, but the possibilities for a concrete patio are endless. Whether you want your patio to feature exposed aggregates, a bright color or a stamped finish, concrete offers both durability and excitement for a unique finish.

Flagstone and patio squares may require some yearly maintenance by filling the joints with sand and weeding between them. Concrete should be sealed every few years to protect the surface.

Whether you install patio squares, flagstone or colored concrete, Staker Parson Companies Landscape Centers in Ogden, Salt Lake City, Spanish Fork and Lehi, Utah have all the supplies you need to create a backyard patio that is stunning. For more backyard patio ideas or to get started on your project today, call us at 888-90ROCKS.

