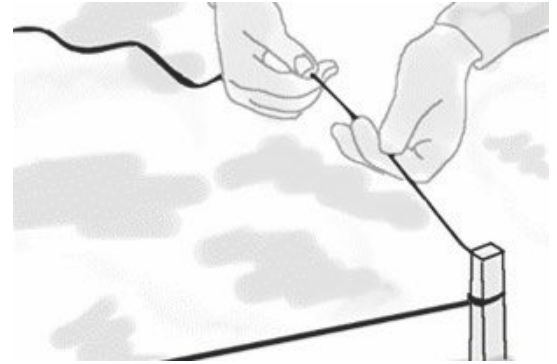


The steps shown here are generic installation procedures. Artistic Paver recommends following the construction guidelines found in the technical bulletin Tech Spec 2 from ICPI for more detailed instructions and specifications.

Installation Guide

Paint future deck on grass/area.

To paint the deck area, mark the perimeter of the patio area with marking paint. Drive garden stakes into the ground just outside the perimeter markings and attach a mason's line.



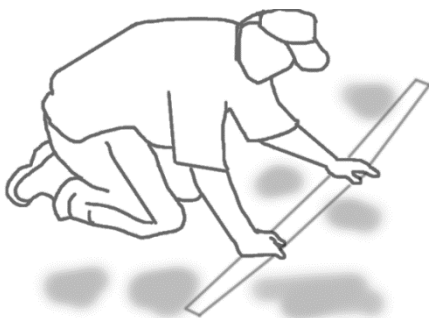
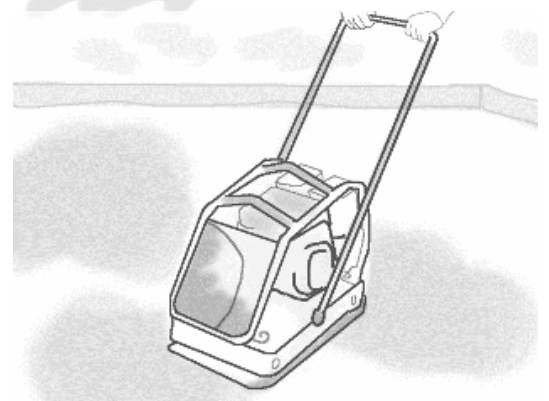
Remove grass, including an additional 1 ft. around perimeter.

Use a spade and shovel to clear grass and dirt from the work area including an additional 1 ft. around the perimeter. Check your depth and slope against the mason's line and the measuring tape to make sure you maintain both the proper depth and slope. Remove enough soil to allow for compacted aggregate base, about 1" of coarse sand and the thickness of the paver. Do not forget to pitch the deck. Continue the excavation at least 6" past the end of the deck. Some people mix cement into the existing soil to make a base in lieu of compacted aggregate.



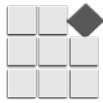
Initial Compaction of the Base

Compact the area using a gas-powered plate compactor.

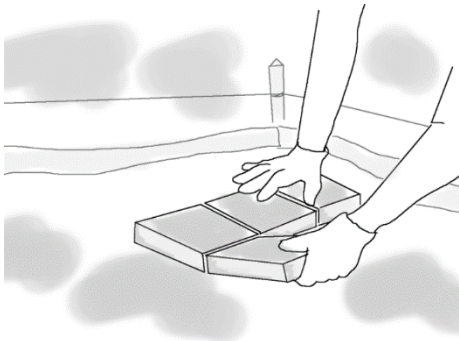


Level the bedding sand.

Use a line level from the coping to the outside of the deck. Allow for at least 1/8" per foot pitch. Smooth the bedding sand. Shovel the screenings between two parallel pipes and screed with a 2x4 to make a smooth base.



Placing Pavers.



Install the pavers by placing them next to each other. Do not allow sand between pavers, and make sure you keep the pattern straight. Paving units should be taken from 3 or 4 bundles and not from a single one. Mixing the pavers ensures a visually consistent blend of the colors.

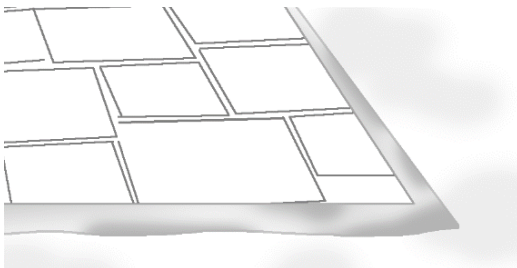
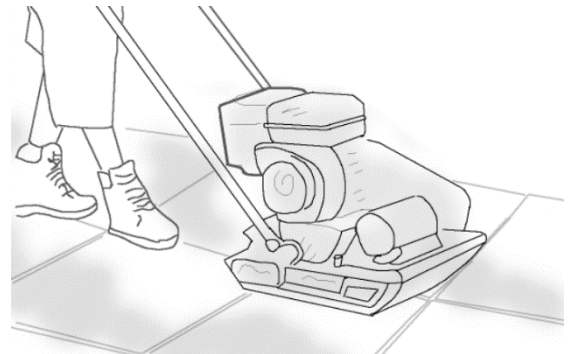
Cut the outside and the pool's perimeter.

Use a masonry saw to get a clean cut. Be safe and wear gloves and eyewear when using the saw.



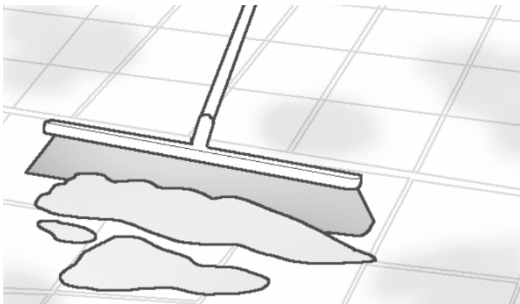
Compact pavers into place.

Compact pavers into place. When using a compactor, use a piece of carpet or fine sand to protect the surface of the paver.



Locking the deck Edges.

Install a cement restraint or mud border onto footer.

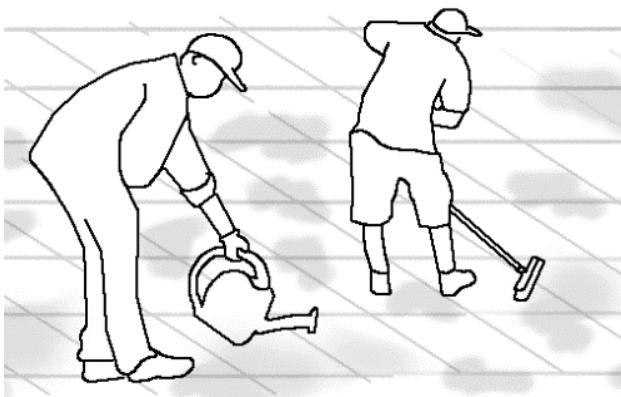
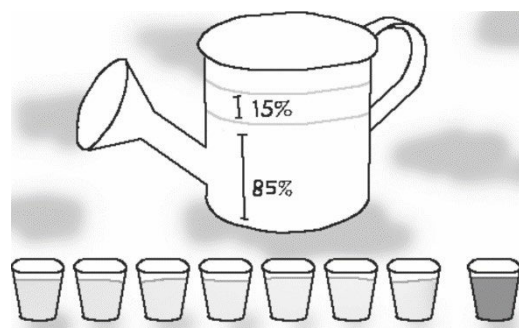


Finishing adding play sand.

Sweep clean screened bedding sand into spaces with a floor brush. Do not leave play sand too high.

Initial Cleaning of the Deck.

All decks should be cleaned upon completion of the pavers installation to remove dirt and construction debris. Prepare the cleaning solution inside the watering can. 85% Water + 15% Muriatic acid + Dawn liquid Soap. First pour the water inside the watering can, and then pour the muriatic acid. Add Dawn liquid soap (squirt for 3 seconds). Wet sample piece with the garden hose.



Apply cleaning solution to one half of the sample piece with the watering can. Scrub with the floor brush lightly. Brush one half of the paver with the solution. Allow solution to sit for 1 to 3 minutes. Rinse thoroughly with lots of water. Wait until the sample piece dries completely. Check the results. If the sample paver is clean and not too rough, proceed and use the rest of the solution made to show a larger treated area. If sample paver is too rough:

Repeat the test on a second sample piece. Lessen the percentage of acid used or lessen the time the solution is on the sample paver before it is removed. Let the second sample piece dry completely. Check the results. If the second sample paver is clean and not too rough, proceed and use the rest of the solution made to show a larger treated area. Leave the deck clean after installation.

Treatment should be done carefully as it can affect the pavers color, texture and/or porosity.

Go to artisticpavers.com/initial-cleaning to watch a 4-minute clip showing the initial cleaning process.