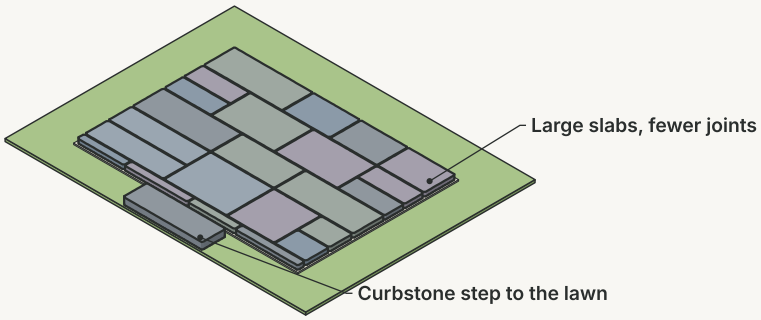
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Building a bluestone patio

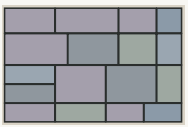
Big, weathered slabs on a firm base: plan, order, set and finish.



At a glance

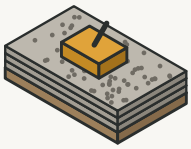
Slabs	**3–5 ft long · 2–5 ft wide · 2–4" thick**
Pallet	**About 100 ft², joints not counted**
Order	**Area + 10% (15% with curves)**
Base	**4–6" compacted crushed stone**
Bed	**Thin stone dust or sand**
Joints	**Stone dust or polymeric sand**
Pitch	**¼" per foot away from the house**

1 Pick a layout



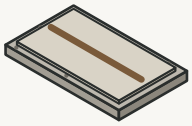
Large slabs mean fewer joints. Lay the stone out on the lawn first.

2 Build the base



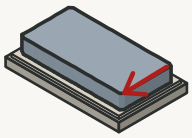
Dig out, then 4–6" of crushed stone, compacted in layers.

3 Screed the bed



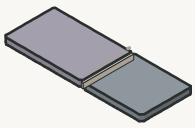
A thin bed of stone dust or sand, pitched away from the house.

4 Set each slab



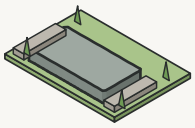
Add or take away bed to suit 2–4" stone. Tap down; check level.

5 Fill the joints



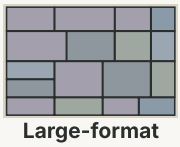
Sweep in stone dust or polymeric sand. Wet and top up.

6 Finish the edges

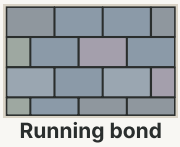


Backfill the sides with soil or a border so slabs can't creep.

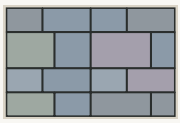
Layouts



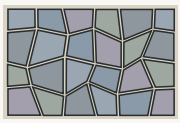
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Running bond

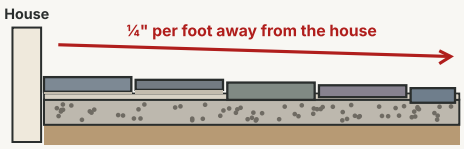


Formal ashlar



Irregular garden

Size it and order



Thicker slabs sit lower in the bed so the tops line up.

15 × 20 ft = **300 ft²**
+ 10% = **330 ft²**
÷ 100 ft² a pallet = **4 pallets**

Good to know

- ✔ **Sort before you set**
  Spread the pallets out; mix sizes and colors across the patio.
- ✔ **Plan the delivery**
  A pallet weighs about 3,950 lb. Clear a path for the truck.
- ✔ **Mortar-set option**
  On a reinforced concrete slab, for a fixed, formal finish.
- ✔ **By a sunny pool?**
  Choose Granite Pattern Pavers instead.

Ways to buy

Reclaimed Northeast bluestone · every piece different · LEED material reuse

See it first

Come to the yard in Nanuet, NY. No appointment; call ahead and we'll be ready.

Steps, by the piece

Curbstone, 2–8 ft long, 14–20" deep, 4–6" thick. About 100 lb per foot.

Slabs, by the pallet

	3 ft slabs	4 ft slabs	5 ft slabs
Width	2–3 ft	2–4 ft	2–5 ft
Covers	**~100 ft²**	**~100 ft²**	**~100 ft²**

Full pallets only · 2–4" thick · ~3,950 lb · joints not counted

Count your slabs
Scan for the bluestone slab calculator: pallets for your area

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