CHOOSING GUIDE · NATURAL STONE DRIVEWAYS

Choosing a driveway stone

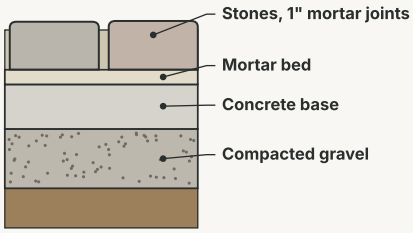
Which stones carry cars, how each one is set, and which to keep for the walk.

Driveway stones at a glance

Sizes in inches

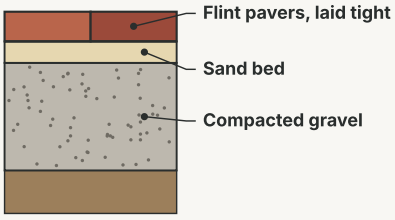
Stone	Sizes	How it is set	Joints
Reclaimed cobblestones Weathered granite, New York area	Jumbo XL 12×8×5 · Jumbo 11×7×4 Regulation 9×5×5 · cubes	In mortar on a concrete base	1", filled with mortar
Granite Belgian blocks New granite, a more even shape	Jumbo 10×7×4 · Regulation 9×5×5	Like cobblestones: in mortar on a concrete base	Filled with mortar
Flint street pavers Reclaimed clay brick, not stone	8×3.75×2.75	On sand over compacted gravel	Laid tight; stone dust or coarse sand
Belgian block edging, aprons A frame for any driveway	Usually Jumbo for edging, Regulation for aprons	Edging on a 4–6" concrete bed, concrete up the back to about half its height	1"

Granite: in mortar



Cobblestones and Belgian blocks, set by hand in mortar on concrete. Stone on sand is for walks and patios only.

Flint: on sand



The exception: laid tight on sand over compacted gravel, with stone dust or coarse sand swept in. No polymeric sand.

Keep off the driveway

- × **Bluestone slabs**
  Too thin for cars.
- × **Flat no-frog floor brick**
  Patios, walks and interiors.
- × **Thin brick floor tile**
  Interior floors only.
- × **2" granite floor tile**
  Floors, entries, covered patios.
- × **Granite pattern pavers**
  Patios, walks and landings.
- × **12 × 6 × 3 Belgian block paver**
  Edging and borders only.

The base does the work

Dig out, then a compacted gravel base and, for cobblestone and Belgian block, a concrete base. Depths depend on your site and soil: have an experienced installer set them.

Order and budget

Add **10%** for a simple layout, **12–15%** for curves, borders and herringbone.

Hybrid: a cobblestone apron and borders, with a simpler surface for the drive lane.

Looking after it

- ✓ **Sweep, rinse now and then**
  A well-built stone drive asks for little.
- ✓ **Walk the joints spring and fall**
  Fill an open joint early; pull weeds small.

Three ways to buy

Reclaimed New York cobblestones · pallet coverage with 1" joints

A sample

One stone of any size, so you can see it on your own site.

By the stone

Any number, from just one. Good for repairs and aprons.

By the pallet

	Jumbo	Regulation	Jumbo XL	Cube
Stones	120	178	120	90
Covers	80 ft²	74 ft²	97 ft²	40 ft²

Count your stones
Scan for the calculator

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