

2-Day Gravel Patio Plan

Build a gorgeous, stabilized outdoor oasis and host dinner by Sunday evening.

Following a strict hour-by-hour schedule keeps the project manageable. Order your materials by Friday so you can confidently break ground.

● Materials for a 10x12 Footprint

1.5 tons

Crushed stone for the foundation

0.6 tons

Top layer surface chips

120 sq ft

Honeycomb grid beneath (traps the stones)

44 feet

Edge set before base (retains stone)

4 in

Foundation: 4 in base, tamped wet

1½ in

Top depth. Just 1½ in. Really.

3/8 in

Angular 3/8 in chips (locks together)

*Never use smooth river rock
Round stones will never compact into a solid
foundation. Always use crushed stone, and mist it
with a hose so the dust binds the larger rocks
together.*



● The Weekend Build Schedule

- 1 Saturday 8 AM** Mark the footprint, check utility lines, and dig down exactly 5.5 inches.
- 2 Saturday 1 PM** Stake the black border and compact the wet stone in two separate two-inch lifts.
- 3 Sunday 9 AM** Lay stabilizer panels over the foundation and trim edges, leaving a quarter-inch expansion gap.
- 4 Sunday 11 AM** Spread top layer, sweep flush into the cells, and arrange your patio furniture.

● Pre-Build Site Checks

- Call local utility lines hotline to verify no buried pipes.
- Check ground slope with a level for proper water drainage.
- Square the corners using the 3-4-5 measuring method.
- Gather your hand tamper, steel rake, wheelbarrow, and landscaping shears.

● Styling Your Stone Surface

Find your row: **Your existing outdoor elements**

Your existing outdoor elements	Your pick	Why
Potted olive trees	Warm terracotta chips	Creates a Mediterranean courtyard
Architectural plants	White marble chips	Modern minimalist oasis
Weathered teak & hydrangeas	Muted grey & tan stones	Weathered cottage garden feel
Acacia wood loungers	Golden-toned gravel	Warm desert retreat aesthetic

● Project Notes & Measurements

Enjoy your weed-free outdoor oasis and have a wonderful Sunday dinner!