Dog-Zone Build Sheet

Install the exact base depths needed for a beautiful, mud-free yard.

Map out your dog's daily activity zones before committing to expensive hardscaping. Dedicating specific areas for high-impact activities keeps your primary lawn looking fresh all season.



Base Depths & Measurements

3 ft
Min. width for the fence-line run

4 in
Crushed drain rock under pee post

6 in
Dig pit excavation into native soil

8 in
Washed play sand in dig pit

3 in
Initial depth to bury enrichment toys

18-24 in
Spacing between dog-safe rosemary plants

1-2 lbs
Microclover seed per 1,000 sq ft

1/4 in
Compost layer over aerated soil

Protect Sensitive Paws

Always use rounded pea gravel for the run instead of sharp crushed stone, and smooth rough timber edges with a sander to prevent accidental splinters.

Materials For Your Yard

Find your row: **Your Setup**

Your Setup	Your pick	Why
Full sun border	Plant rosemary	Withstands curious sniffing and bumps
Shaded border	Blue oat grass	Sturdy texture with no toxicity
4x4 timber frame	12-inch rebar	Space hardware every 3 feet
6x6 timber frame	18-inch rebar	Space hardware every 4 feet

Zone Prep & Maintenance

1. **Aerate Soil** Dramatically improve oxygen and water flow in compacted areas before seeding.
2. **Topdress Lawn** Spread an even, thin layer of compost over the central play area.
3. **Hydrate Seeds** Water lightly twice a day until consistent germination occurs.
4. **Sanitize Potty Area** Spray rocks weekly with a pet-safe enzymatic cleaner attached to your hose.

Site Checks Before Building

- [ ] Watch rainwater move during a storm to identify stagnant puddles.
- [ ] Verify all yard drainage slopes away from the house foundation.
- [ ] Double-check all existing border plants for hidden canine toxicity.
- [ ] Secure landscape fabric pins deeply beneath gravel to avoid exposed metal.
- [ ] Ensure you have a heavy-duty, non-woven geotextile fabric for the base.

Project Notes

Enjoy building a beautiful, resilient outdoor oasis that you and your dog will love!