Rock Yardage & Prep Guide

Calculate materials and prep your bed for a flawless, weed-free finish.

Master the pristine yard trick with this step-by-step guide. Calculate your exact cubic yardage and properly prep your garden bed for a sleek, modern look.



Key Yardage Specs

2 in
Blower-safe rock size for easy maintenance

3 in
Required rock depth for full coverage

3 ft
Spacing for flush steel edging stakes

8 in
Minimum overlap for woven geotextile seams

12 in
Spacing to pin the fabric down

108
Divide square footage for cubic yards

The Folded X-Cut
Slice a folded X-cut into the fabric and fold the four flaps downward. This traps underlying dirt and protects your architectural agave's sensitive root zone.

Prep & Planting Sequence

1. **Trench & Edge** Sink rigid physical barriers level with the adjoining concrete walkway to stop heavy stones migrating.
2. **Grade & Tamp** Aggressively flatten bare dirt so heavy stones sit perfectly level without settling into unsightly dips.
3. **Lay Geotextile** Install a commercial-grade base to block stubborn weeds while allowing heavy rainwater to drain instantly.
4. **Plant & Backfill** Dig wide holes, amend native dirt with cactus blend, plant succulents, and pull flaps up snugly.
5. **Spread Stone** Pour rocks gently with a small bucket, then pull into an even layer using a bow rake.

Grading & Compaction

Find your row: **Bed Dimension**

Bed Dimension	Your pick	Why
Against foundations	Drop 1 inch per foot	Hand tamper
Open yard areas	Flat 0% slope	Vibratory plate
Bordering walkways	Match concrete slope	Hand tamper

Pre-Delivery Checks

- [ ] Verify steel borders sit tall enough above the weed barrier.
- [ ] Brush all loose soil off the fabric before pouring marble.
- [ ] Lay a thick protective tarp over your concrete driveway.
- [ ] Request a physical sample to verify color and chunk size.
- [ ] Coordinate to drop the bulk load near the landscaping bed.

Yardage & Project Notes

Enjoy your beautifully pristine, low-maintenance modern yard!