Shed Border Shopping & Measuring Sheet

Measure and install a low-maintenance border for 8x10 and 10x12 sheds this weekend.

Seeing the complete staked-out layout before digging ensures the proportions fit your footprint perfectly. Having your exact numbers in hand means you can confidently hit the home center once.



Key Border Dimensions

12 in
gravel mow strip width for clearance

75 gal
runoff per inch of rain

24 in
stepping stones spacing on center

Half mature width
shrub planting distance from the wall

1 in
trellis spacing off the wall

Skip The Plastic Edging

Use a heavy half-moon edger to cut a perfectly vertical trench line before laying fabric. This naturally contains loose gravel without bulky plastic strips.

Weekend Installation Sequence

1. **Mark the footprint** Outline the perimeter with stakes and mason line to lock in square dimensions before digging.
2. **Excavate the trench** Dig out grass to a consistent two-inch depth for a smooth, flat base.
3. **Install the barrier** Roll out commercial-grade fabric, overlap seams by six inches, and pin down firmly.
4. **Place stepping stones** Position flagstones along the primary walking path and check that each sits perfectly level.
5. **Backfill with gravel** Pour your selected stone and use a wide steel rake to level the surface.

Choose Your Gravel Style

Find your row: **Visual Style**

Visual Style	Your pick	Why
Soft cottage look	Washed Pea Gravel	Moderate to fast drainage
Rustic texture	River Rock	Very rapid surface drainage
Modern architectural lines	Crushed Granite	Slower, compacts very easily
High-contrast formal	White Marble Chips	Moderate drainage speed
Contemporary flat profile	Dark Slate Chips	Excellent surface shedding

Shopping & Measuring Checks

- ◯ Measure your exact perimeter to calculate total edging feet required.
- ◯ Multiply linear feet by 0.5 for total cubic feet of gravel.
- ◯ Divide the path length by your on-center spacing for the stone count.
- ◯ Count trellis mounting screws to determine spacer block quantities for wall studs.
- ◯ Elevate a 50-gallon barrel on cinder blocks to handle heavy spring storms.
- ◯ Locate the roof drip line to avoid planting shrubs in runoff zones.

Project Notes

Enjoy your beautifully defined, low-maintenance cottage shed border!