Ideas for your Outdoor Living Spaces

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Outdoor Living Spaces Redefined with the Allan Block Products.
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   Continue stacking courses of blocks in the pattern you have chosen until the desired height is achieved. Remember to offset the block seams on each course of blocks from the course below.

4. **Finishing**

   Finish the wall panel with Wall Caps. Secure in place with a bead of masonry adhesive.

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   Determine the location of the post/pillar on an existing patio. If installing on soil, dig a hole that is 4 in. deep and 24 in. square (100 mm x 600 mm). Fill with wall rock, compact and level to create a solid foundation.

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   Using 4 AB Courtyard Corner Blocks, install the first course by placing the blocks with the long sides facing out. Square up the blocks, tamp into place and level.

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   Finish with two Post Caps. Secure in place with a bead of masonry adhesive.
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Detailed Material Estimates with Ease

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Courtyard Installation

Panels

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Build an Allan Block Retaining Wall in 5 Simple Steps

1. Prepare a Base
2. Install Base Course Blocks
3. Backfill and Compact
4. Additional Courses
5. Finishing

Visit allanblock.com for complete installation details.

Wall Installation

4. If reinforcement is needed, go to allanblock.com for complete details. Sweep off the top surface of the installed blocks. Stack the next course on top of the bottom course. If reinforcement is needed, additional excavation will need to be completed to accommodate the length of the grid, see allanblock.com for complete details. Excavated materials that cannot be used as backfill material will need to be discarded. Compacted the trench thoroughly with a hand tamper or plate compactor. Install a drain pipe at the bottom of the trench for walls with poor drainage, over 4 ft. (1.2 m) tall or any reinforced walls. Make sure the drain pipe can be vented to daylight. Place a minimum of 6 in. (150 mm) of wall rock in the trench. Do not use sand. Compact thoroughly with a hand tamper or plate compactor. Level the entire trench.

5. Install AB Capstones for a clean, finished look. Secure in place with masonry adhesive. For a different finishing option fill the hollow cores and behind the top course with rock, mulch or dirt if plantings are desired up the face of the wall.

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For Gravity Wall Installation - Walls under 4 ft (1.2 m)

Gravity Walls

For Reinforced Wall Installation - Walls over 4 ft (1.2 m)

Reinforced Walls

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Parapets with AB Fieldstone

Use the Reinforcement Grid when needed for building taller walls.

Parapets

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1. Mark the location of the retaining wall and dig a trench a minimum of 6 in. deep and 14 in. wide (150 mm x 600 mm) for gravity walls up to 3 ft (0.9 m). If reinforcement will be needed, additional excavation will need to be completed to accommodate the length of the grid, see allanblock.com for complete details. Excavated materials that cannot be used as backfill material will need to be discarded. Compact the trench thoroughly with a hand tamper or plate compactor. Install a drain pipe at the back of the trench for walls with poor drainage, over 4 ft (1.2 m) tall or any reinforced walls. Make sure the drain pipe can be vented to daylight. Place a minimum of 6 in. (150 mm) of wall rock in the trench. Do not use sand. Compact thoroughly with a hand tamper or plate compactor. Level the entire trench.

2. Install the blocks on the wall rock foundation with the raised front lip facing up and forward near the front of the trench. Verify the proper position of the AB Blocks by sighting down the back of the raise front lip or using a string line. Level each block from side to side and front to back as installed, make adjustments as necessary. Careful attention to a straight and level base course will ensure a quality finished wall.

3. Once the entire base course is installed, fill in front of the blocks with on-site soils to keep the base course from shifting while filling and compacting the blocks. Fill the hollow cores and 12 in. (300 mm) behind the block with wall rock to the height of the block. Use infill or approved on-site soils to backfill behind the wall rock to the height of the block. Using a hand tamper or plate compactor compact the wall rock and on-site soils behind the block in a path parallel to the wall. Check the base course of blocks for level and adjust as needed.

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