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# Lay a garden path

Show guests the scenic route to your spa, gazebo or other backyard attraction with a stone and pea gravel garden path

**1** Lay out path using garden hose. Stretch hose in desired route, marking grass with powdered chalk. Repeat for other border.

**2** Use hoe to dig out borders of the path. Excavate sod and soil to 3 or 4 inches within pathway using square shovel. (For a more even path surface, use plate compactor to tamp earth down.)

**3** Line path with landscape fabric, overlapping fabric edges 12 to 18 inches, if multiple pieces are used.

**4** Pour bedding sand onto landscape fabric, to depth of about 2 inches. Rake smooth, taking care not to poke holes into fabric.

**5** Place pavers down in desired formation. When sure of placement, settle into sand by tapping with mallet. Fill pathway around borders with pea gravel to grass line.

**OPTIONS:** The lack of edging is what gives this path its rustic look. For a more finished effect, install your pathway with brick, timer or concrete edging. Refer to The Home Depot Patios and Walkways 1-2-3 for how-to guides on this.



## MATERIALS

- Powdered chalk
- Landscape fabric
- Bedding sand
- Pea gravel
- Sandstone pavers
- Plate compactor (optional)
- Exterior paint

## TOOLS

- Garden hose
- Hoe
- Square shovel
- Gravel rake
- Mallet

## SKILL LEVEL

Beginner



Plate Compactor

## may we suggest...

Do the job right by renting pro-quality tools from The Home Depot Tool Rental Center\*, open seven days a week. A plate compactor is a garden project must-have, as it effectively levels and compacts soil and/or gravel, preparing it for your DIY patio, pathway or any other project where a stable surface is critical to success.

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