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Retaining Wall Buyer's Guide

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Not all walls are created equal. It is important to distinguish if a wall is primarily installed only for aesthetic appeal, or if it is a structural requirement for retaining. Many retaining wall products can also be used as an eye-catching garden wall, but the reverse is not always true. As such, it is necessary to choose the appropriate product for each wall application.

Retaining Walls

Retaining walls are structural first because they have a job to do...retain soil. But this doesn't mean they can't also be pretty.

Patterns

Courtyard Walls

An above grade wall that is used for creating definition of space. These do not retain soil, and are very aesthetic. When placed right they can also serve multiple functions like seating and counters

Garden Walls

These are shorter walls that generally are only a couple blocks high. Most often used for defining the edges of planting beds.

Textures

There are many different options for the style of your landscape wall. They can all be beautiful while also being functional...otherwise known as having your cake and eating it too. Your wall should look and feel right in your space and you shouldn't have to compromise

Retaining Wall Styles

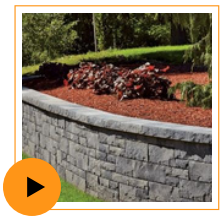
$14.57/SQFT — AB® Collection

The AB® Collection is made for even the most difficult of terrains. It accommodates any design that calls for a larger stone. The blocks within the collection can be used on their own or combined for beautifully weaved Ashlar patterns for dramatic hardscape treatments. All at an economical price. Colours available: Charcoal, Rocky Mountain.

AB Metropolitan® Collection — $17.17/SQFT

With a sleek, contemporary smooth-face finish, the AB Metropolitan® Collection the stability of large modular units with a more modern look. . Colours available: Granville Grey, Rocky Mountain Blend, Silverado.

$19.62/SQFT — Tandem™ Wall



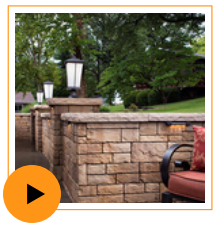
The Tandem™ Wall system provides the appearance of natural stone. Its innovative and versatile modular wall system can be used to create attractive, curved or straight retaining and freestanding walls in both residential and light commercial hardscape projects. Colours available: Charcoal, Rustic, Victorian

Zen Wall — $22/SQFT

Pisa2® offers a classic large quarried stone appearance that makes it ideal to address grade changes and multi-layered retaining wall applications, while also being easy enough to work with for backyard garden projects. RomanPisa® offers the same design opportunities but with a Roman textured finish. Colours available: Charcoal, Grey

Courtyard Wall Styles

$15/SQFT — Tandem™ Wall



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$22/SQFT — Zen Wall

Zen Wall offers a contemporary, ultra-modern double sided wall option for both straight and curved walls. Incredibly simple to install makes this a go to for weekend projects. Colours available: Charcoal, Grey

$17.60/SQFT — Weston Stone

Weston Stone is a unique block used in creating freestanding walls or stone fences under 2.0 ft in height. This stone can also be used to construct pillars, benches and fireplaces simply by changing the orientation of the stone. Colours available: Charcoal, Rustic, Victorian.

Garden Wall Styles

Beltis Wall — $14.86/SQFT

Multiple embossed finishes come together to create a truly individual look. Tumbled textures on the front, back and top means Beltis can be used as an edger or a low dry stack wall. Colours available: Earth Blend, Shadow Blend.

Weston Stone — $17.6/SQFT

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StackStone® — $18.94-$24.49/SQFT

Stackstone offers a classic split-faced stone appearance that makes it ideal to address grade changes and multi-layered retaining wall applications, while also being easy enough to work with for backyard garden projects. sh. Colours available: Charcoal, Rustic

Landscape Wall Pattern/Installation Guides

You've picked your landscape wall style. Now you should think about the pattern you want to lay that wall in. Click on your paving stone's link below to go to the pattern options and guides.

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Garden Walls

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- StackStone

Colour

Now that you have picked out your landscape wall application and style, you need a colour. The descriptions above tell you what colours each wall comes in and those colours are shown and described below. When choosing a colour it is best to think about what you want the wall to do. Is the wall supposed to match the house and patio and blend in, or is it supposed to contrast and stand out? Once that is decided you will see your colour options narrow down instantly.

Charcoal

The strongest deepest colour. Great for a bold aesthetic or as an accent against the other colours.

Rustic

A classic reddish-brown base with charcoal flecking mixed throughout.

Victorian

A grey base with tan-brown and charcoal veining. This colour can go with almost anything because of its 3 tint blend.

Desert Buff

Light sandy-brown. This colour does not seem to date and is a great neutral tone.

Grey

Grey, the original concrete wall colour. Making a comeback in modern applications.

Granite River

A slate grey colour to mimic real flagstone. Add in some light brown accent speckling for the natural touch.

Shadow Blend

Like the colour says, this is a 2 colour blend of grey and black that fits almost any yard.

Earth Bend

Another 2 colour blend with its base tone as beige instead of grey. Neutral and easy to use anywhere.

Rocky Mountain Blend

A 2 brown blend with tan and dark brown tones. Another neutral colour choice.

Accents

With your main landscape wall picked out you can always turn away here and be quite happy with the decision you have made. However, in the chance you are wanting to add those finishing details the last step is to pick your accents. Accents options are varied from cap stones to bands or highlight stones. Below are the go to options for accenting your wall project.

Caps

The cap stone choice is one that can make a wall stand out. If the wall is a feature give it extra character by choosing a cap colour that contrasts the rest of the wall.

Pillars

Add pillars to create dramatic starts and finishes to walls or focal points.

Bands

Bands are another great way to add extra character to a wall. By putting a contrasting coloured band or stone within the wall you can create the extra visual appeal.