

## EPISODE #2013 DO-IT YOURSELF MIND CONTROL

### Discussion Points:

Paver products are varied, and they all install a little differently (that helps, doesn't it??) (fig. A)

If you're looking to do your patio in pavers- believe it or not, patio pavers can be cheaper than treated wood and are more durable. (fig. B)

The size of the job will determine whether you do this yourself, or hire a professional landscaper. (see Lesson's Learned) If you do hire a landscaper, book them early as their schedules are filled many months in advance. (fig. C)

### Discussion Points

- Plan and Measure - don't forget to add a little extra for replacement stones or waste.
- Dig, and then dig some more! Depending on the thickness of the stone, the depth you'll need to dig will vary. If the area you are digging is quite large, we suggest renting a Bobcat (see Tool of the Day)... feel the power! (fig. D,E)
- Set the grade - keep in mind that you will want drainage, so a slight slope will allow for runoff. "Setting the grade" is a secret only landscapers know, so we can't help you here... (fig. F)
- Fill with gravel, which creates the base for the pavers - wet the gravel and compact using a compactor. (see Tool of the Day) You may need to repeat with another layer of gravel. (fig. G,H)
- Add stone dust which will need to be leveled (called screeding) using a level and a 2x4 - this is where the grade (slope) is important. (fig. I)
- Lay the stone onto the stone dust. (fig. J)
- On the perimeter of the pavers, you need to install an edge restraint which is nailed into the ground through the gravel. For edges that you will see, you can add a decorative edger that still creates the resistance, but looks a lot nicer. (These also are nailed into the ground). (fig. K)
- Add stabilizing sand on top of the stones and sweep into the cracks - this will stabilize the stones as well as keep weeds and ants at bay. (fig. L)
- Compact the stones to set the stabilizing sand. (fig. M)
- You can use a sealer if you want to enhance the color of the stain or stain-proof the surface, but it is not necessary.



A. Paver products are varied.



B. Pavers are more durable..



D. A great deal of digging!



E. The wild bobcat.

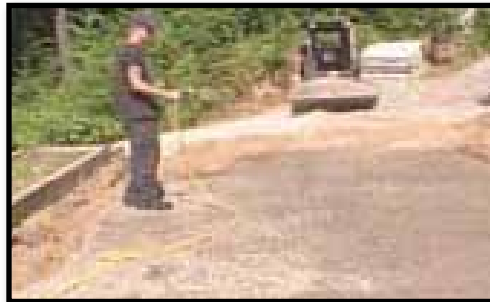
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F. Set the grade.



G. Fill with gravel.



H. Apply wayer to the gravel



I. Stone dust and 2x4 for levelling



J. Lay the stone into the dust.



K. Installing and edge restraint.



L. Add stabilizing sand on top.



M. Compact the stones to set the sand.