

Porcelain paving uses printed designs on the surface of the slab to create the patterns. Each pack will typically contain a variety of designs. To ensure you do not lay matching patterns adjacent to one another and to ensure the blend/mix looks more varied, we advise inspecting the slabs prior to installation and determining your laying pattern. This ensures that the overall desired hue is achieved and evens out any slight colour discrepancies when laying more than one pack, too. Laying your patio one pallet at a time can lead to slight but visible colour banding.

Porcelain paving is non-porous and, therefore, requires a [Slurry Primer](#) to ensure it bonds properly with the bedding mortar. The priming slurry should be applied to the underside of each paving tile just prior to laying. Please refer to the laying instructions if in any doubt.

A flexible [Jointing Grout](#) should be used, and care must be taken not to let it dry on the surface of the tile. We recommend applying a protective sealant to your porcelain tiles to help prevent marking from grout residue ([Porcelain Tile Protector](#)).

Step-by-Step Patio Installation Guide

Please see our step-by-step installation guide, which includes videos for all the key steps - [How to lay a patio](#).

If you require any additional information on laying our Porcelain, please give us a call on 01993 608 824 and speak to our dedicated Paving Expert Team.



Benefits of Porcelain Paving

Porcelain Paving has many advantages over standard natural quarried stones or concrete paving. These include the following:

- Super strong & durable
- Easy to clean
- No need to seal
- Easier maintenance
- Frost resistant
- Algae resistant
- Non-Porous (Waterproof)
- Better slip resistance
- Scratch and abrasion-resistant
- Consistent colouration
- Fade-resistant

Porcelain Paving vs Natural Stone Paving

Porcelain paving ticks all the boxes. The material quality, improved performance characteristics, extended longevity, and lower maintenance/upkeep of porcelain paving significantly lowers lifetime-costs for any garden patio paving when compared to natural stone or concrete paving.

Porcelain will outlive all other types of stone, which will save you money in the long run; especially as typically, the slabs only account for 20-30% of the initial cost of laying a new patio installation. If kept well maintained, your porcelain patio will still look brand new in 10 years time. You simply can't put a price on slabs of this quality when looking at the long-term (10 years plus) solution for your garden. Because porcelain exterior tiles are vitrified (glass-like) and the material is a solid homogeneous slab, it is waterproof and impervious. This means that dirt and grime, algae and lichen cannot penetrate and get in the material of these paving slabs. This makes keeping them clean and maintaining them much easier. Simply brush off leaves and detritus and wash with warm soapy water.