

Landscaping With Rocks Will Spotlight Your Yard

Taking a drive around town will reveal yards that look the same. Sure some may have beautifully manicured lawns and others may not but the overall look is the same, green grass, trees and flowers. If you're longing to make your yard stand out from the acres of sameness adding some decorative rocks and stones will do the trick.

The addition of landscaping rocks will give your yard a style and character that most homeowners would love to have but don't know where to start. The first step to adding some personality to your landscaping is to remove some of the grass. If you aren't using your front lawn there's no point in maintaining it and this will make your landscape unique.



Use a shovel or if you have access to [landscaping](#) one, use a tiller to break up the ground. Pull the rocks out of your way these are not the kind of rocks we'll be using for this landscaping project 😊

While you're digging, decide whether or not you have the proper drainage for your plants and flowers, if not, now would be a good time to add the appropriate irrigation system.

One addition that you can add to your front yard landscaping is to add a walkway. Having your guests use the driveway or worse, the grass, to get to your door is not the effect you're after so think about adding a walkway. This addition will keep [professional landscaping service](#) guests from tracking in dirt and other debris in to your home too.

One popular effect for a stone walkway is to stagger rocks all along the walk to your door. Make certain that when you do the final install your rocks are secure and they don't move when they are walked on. To keep the rocks in place remove four to five inches of soil beneath each rock that you lay. Add a thin layer of gravel beneath the stone. This will keep your rocks and stones in place to ensure safety and stability.

When planning the walkway try to add interest by adding curves to your design. This will give your work a more distinctive yet informal look. Add smaller trees and shrubs to provide structure for your new walkway. And add some color with some easy-to-care-for perennials. Perennials work well with a rock landscape because they are easy to care for yet they add beauty and color to the project.

Once the main plantings are in, you can start to add some smaller greens and flowers. You can add some greens in between the rocks in your walkway to fill in the gaps. Some people suggest that instead of using mulch to maintain the manicured look use river rock between the flowers. Both would work well it's just a matter of taste and budget.

Now for the finishing touch add some climbing vines that will wrap up and around your railing and front porch. Hanging plants can be hung from the roof of your porch or you can create a trellis for the vines and the planters. This will give it the finished look of a Tuscan garden. Decorative rocks are the final touch for this easy-to-do project and you'll have a front yard that neighbors will envy for years.

