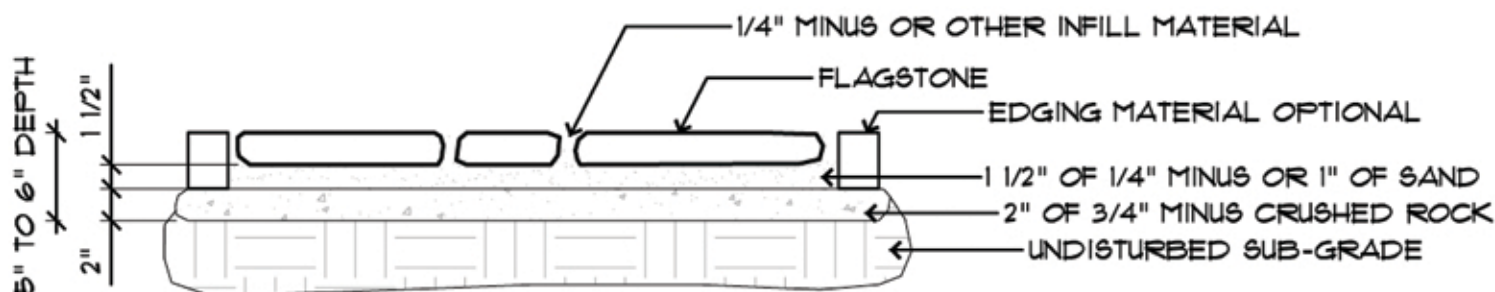


## HOW TO DRY SET FLAGSTONE



1. You will need to excavate the desired area to allow for the base of 3/4" minus crushed quarry rock, 1/4" minus crushed quarry rock or sand and your flagstone.
2. If you choose to install an edging for your patio or walkway, you can lay this out after excavation or after the layer of 3/4" minus, depending on the edging material being used and the desired finish height.
3. Spread 2" of 3/4" minus base rock and compact it well by tamping and watering or using a mechanical compactor. Then layout a 1 1/2" thickness of 1/4" minus or 1" thickness of sand as a bed for the flagstone.
4. If your stone is of varying thickness (it probably is) add or remove the bedding material as you go-keeping the stones level with each other and your desired finished grade. If a stone "wobbles" then it may be "high centered". To fix this, leave a slight depression under the middle of the stone so the bedding material makes contact with the perimeter of the stone- by doing this the stone should settle firmly.
5. When all of the stones are laid, fill the joints with 1/4" minus, decomposed granite (dg), or another material as desired. Using 1/4" minus or dg requires filling in layers and watering in between to get the best results. You can also use topsoil or a fine compost between the stones and plant compact groundcovers or 'stepables' throughout the entire project or just in select areas to create a softer look.

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