



THE GRINDSTONE BACKYARD BOOK

CREATING YOUR OUTDOOR GETAWAY.

GRINDSTONE
Hardscapes



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YOUR VERY OWN RESORT

Have you ever dreamed of transporting your favorite resort to your backyard? Without setting foot in an airplane, you could sip maitai's from your outdoor kitchen or float in a giant pink flamingo in your private pool anytime you wanted. Besides, haven't you always wanted the perfect space to host family gatherings when the kids are back from college or friends for the Husker game?

With hardscaping, not only could you have your very own backyard resort and effortless entertainment space, but you also gain surprising practical advantages:

- 1 INCREASES YOUR PROPERTY VALUE**
- 2 REDUCES YOUR YARD WORK**
- 3 CAN PROVIDE SHADE AND PRIVACY**
- 4 REDUCES EROSION AND INCREASES WATER EFFICIENCY**
- 5 EXTENDS YOUR ENTERTAINMENT SPACE**
- 6 INCREASES THE LONGEVITY OF YOUR OUTDOOR SPACE**

GETTING STARTED WITH YOUR PROJECT

Our professional, in-house design team can help transform your ideas into reality, but to get the most out of your project, it's helpful to start with a little personal brainstorming.

1 HOW DO YOU WANT TO USE YOUR OUTDOOR SPACE?

For relaxation? Entertaining? Do you want to accommodate large crowds? Would you like a fire pit? An outdoor kitchen? Shade? A pool? What would you like your focal point to be? Get all of your ideas out here in this step.

2 CONSIDER YOUR WHOLE SPACE.

To save time and future headaches, don't plan one element at a time. Instead, look at your whole backyard and dream big. You can always scale down as you go.

3 THINK ABOUT YOUR BUDGET.

Don't scrimp on a master plan, quality materials to withstand the elements, and professional masonry and craftsmanship. Instead, save by using smaller plants and mix and match furniture. It's better to scale down the scope of the project to fit a budget rather than use cheap materials or questionable help.

4 CHOOSE PROFESSIONALS.

You want to make sure your project is done right the first time. As certified, experienced professionals, our high level of craftsmanship and commitment to excellence will save you from very expensive problems later.

5 KNOW THE TIMELINE.

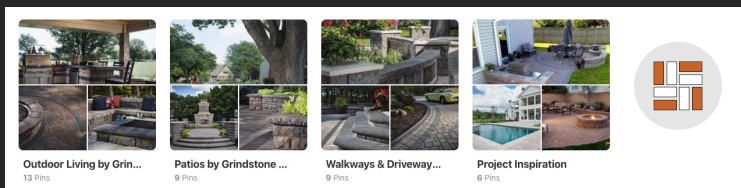
Hardscaping is a big project. You can expect it to take anywhere from 4-30 weeks. Make sure to plan accordingly.



FINDING YOUR STYLE

You'll be enjoying your outdoor space for a long time, so to ensure our design team captures your vision, research designs to help pinpoint your style. Don't forget you're building an extension of your living space. Take care to choose materials and a design that complement the interior and exterior of your home.

- 1 **COLLECT STYLES AND IMAGES YOU LIKE.** Save them on a pinterest board, a file on your computer, or even just a pile of magazine tear outs.



- 2 **THINK OF A TWO OR THREE WORD PHRASE TO HELP DESCRIBE YOUR VISION.** I.e. "cozy courtyard", "resort spa", "rustic retreat", etc.
- 3 **CHOOSE A FEW MATERIALS THAT COMPLEMENT YOUR HOME'S INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR.**
- 4 **CONSIDER TEXTURAL VARIETY.** This applies for the stone you choose as well as the plants that accent your space.

THE GRINDSTONE WAY

We are passionate about excellence in craftsmanship, design, and service. From design to installation, we're with you every step of the way.



INDUSTRY EXPERTISE

- Certified installers
- 17+ years in the Industry
- Fully licensed and insured company



CUSTOMER FIRST

- You are our priority
- Full time office staff always available
- Personal access to your crew foreman
- Full service, in-house operation
- Financing options available
- Local references available



PROFESSIONAL DESIGN

- Professional on-site designer
- Design consultations
- 3D renderings of your space

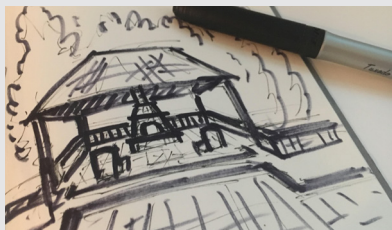


QUALITY PRODUCTS

- Materials made to withstand the elements
- Belgard certified installers
- Limited Lifetime Warranty

PROJECT TIMELINE

Each project is different in scope, but this timeline is a basic guideline for how a project gets done.



PLANNING: 1-6 WEEKS

Meet with our on-site designer to brainstorm and define the scope of your project.



INSTALLATION: 1-12 WEEKS

Our team of professional, certified installers transform your design into a reality.



DESIGN: 2-3 WEEKS

We build your project in our 3D CAD program to help you visualize your project. We'll also choose materials, and finalize your design.



POST INSTALLATION: ENJOY!



The work performed by Grindstone dramatically changed our backyard, front entryway and driveway. The outcome was impressive, but the teamwork that went into the project was equally amazing. Josh and his team went above and beyond to ensure our satisfaction with every detail to ensure the result was something we will enjoy for years to come. Many members of the McCook community have raved about the wonderful atmosphere that was created by Grindstone. It doesn't hurt that we are able to say that the project was the winner of the Hardscape North America award. Thank you to all who worked to make it so special!

- Diane and Jerry Gohl



BEFORE

3D RENDERING

AFTER



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