

Repeat Customer



Homeowner Chooses Stunning Driveway Pavers to Accent Country Home

The **CHALLENGE**

When the owner of this beautiful country home created an outdoor living area using Rosetta Hardscapes in 2010, he wasn't expecting the result the new patio would have on the home's existing driveway.

"The plain concrete looked awful compared to the new patio. The concrete was old, and the freeze thaw cycles over the past few years were causing it to heave and crack. It looked pretty bad," the homeowner said.

Looking for a way to create an aesthetic driveway that would tie in with the Rosetta seat walls, steps, pavers and fireplace in the nearby outdoor living space, the homeowner turned again to Rosetta Hardscapes.

"Integrating with our existing patio was important, with the Grand Flagstone slabs and the steps," the owner said. The patio also includes a wood fired pizza/bread oven, a countertop and sink area, seat walls, and a dining area.

When traveling in Europe several years ago, the homeowner took note of the natural stone pavers he saw in Germany and Italy. **He liked the look and thought natural cobble stones would look great for his driveway, but he didn't like the rounded shape that made the pavers difficult to walk on.**

PROJECT NAME: Old Misson Driveway Project

OWNER: Private Residence

BLOCK MANUFACTURER: Rosetta of Michigan

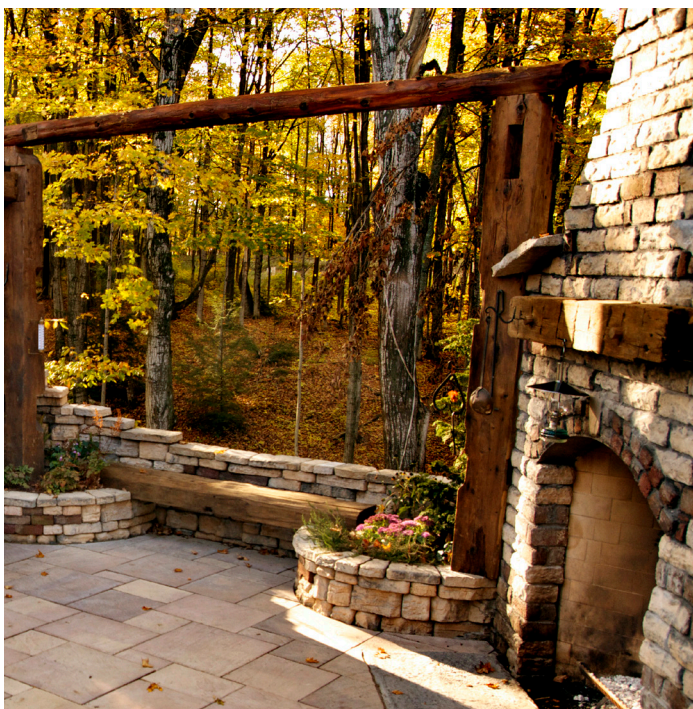
WALL INSTALLER: Four Lakes Landscape, LLC

Design: Homeowner and Four Lakes Landscape, LLC

PROJECT LOCATION: Petoskey, MI

YEAR COMPLETED: 2013

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manufacturer, Rosetta of Michigan. “Finally I just told them, ‘put all the colors in.’ The combination of colors ties in with the house really well because the house has gray siding with brown accents,” he said.

The biggest challenge of this project was constructing it for proper drainage. “Multiple slopes had to be met,” Smith explained. “We had to slope it away from the garage and we had two other asphalt surfaces with existing grades we had to match. It was a challenge to make it the smoothest transition while still allowing the proper drainage. **The consistent size of the Old Mission pavers gave us a huge advantage in achieving the proper grades.**”

To prepare the site for installation, the Four Lakes crew spent two days removing 70 yards of soil and installing 70 yards of limestone base. Actual installation and sealing of the 1,600 sq. ft. of Old Mission pavers was completed over the course of 3 days. Although an Old Mission patio or driveway can be permeable if permeable jointing material is used, this project utilized polymeric jointing sand because there was ample room for proper drainage. Once installation was complete, the crew pressure washed the driveway and sealed it using 2 coats of Dupont Paver Armor Pro sealer.



The SOLUTION

The homeowner eventually chose the Rosetta Old Mission Collection instead of a European style cobble stone because **Old Mission “has a natural looking edge and surface, but the joints are more flat so it’s easier to walk on because the texture goes down, rather than sticking up. Even our grandkids can ride tricycles out here without any problems,”** he said.

Old Mission Collection Units come in three sizes (6x9in., 9x9in. and 9x12in.), that integrate to create a beautiful and natural looking driveway, walkway, or patio. All wet-cast concrete units are a uniform 2 3/4in. thick, creating a consistently level surface for safe walking and smooth driving. The consistent dimensions also make Old Mission **easier and faster to install than natural stone cobble stones—saving time and money in the installation phase of the project.**

When the homeowner contacted Wade Smith at Four Lakes Landscape, LLC of Northern Michigan, he had a design in mind. “We are usually very involved on the design phase of a project, but we went into this project with a general layout in mind and only had to tweak a few elements to help with the radii and curves,” Smith explained.

The homeowner had a very hard time choosing which colors he wanted to use for the patio, as several options were available from the local Rosetta

The OUTCOME

“The crew really enjoyed installing it,” Smith explained. “It’s a smaller brick, so it’s easier to handle and manage. The way each block fits together is one of the biggest benefits of this product from an installation standpoint. When you’re doing a big area like this and you’re trying to fit blocks tight, they have to be precisely square and your lines have to be straight. Consistency in size and the overall texture and appearance of Old Mission is great. **It’s probably one of my favorite wet-cast paving stones on the market today.**”

Overall, what does the owner think of the project? “We’ve gotten a lot of positive comments on the driveway when we have company. They love the way it looks, and so do we!”

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