

Design Your Allan Block Garden or Landscape Wall Project



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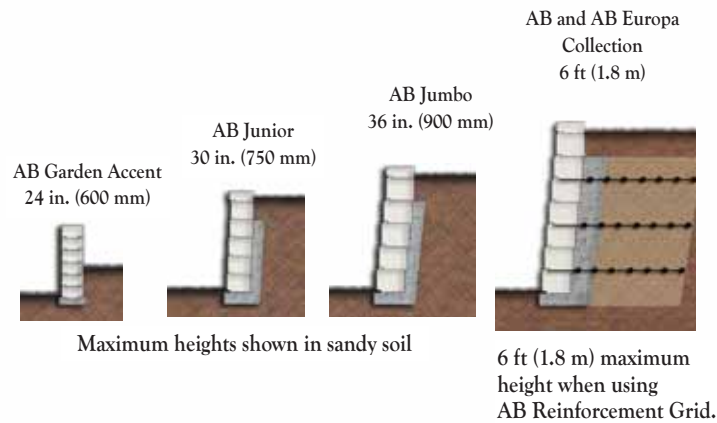


Terraces

Consider a layered look in your garden design. You'll love the way Allan Blocks flow. Create a series of raised garden beds, or tackle a tricky slope by turning one wall into two.

Structure

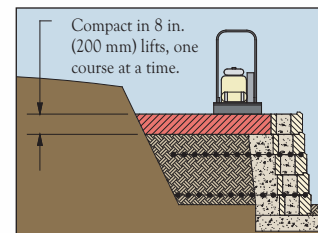
Be careful not to try and retain too much with the garden wall line of blocks. The blocks in the AB Garden Wall Collection are great for smaller wall projects with sandy soils and no extra weight above the wall. Use the AB Collection or the AB Europa Collection for taller wall projects. AB Reinforcement grid will also be needed, see the soil reinforcement chart at allanblock.com



Compaction

Landscape wall projects will need to include proper placement and compaction of the infill soils as it is critical for a quality wall installation. The most important step in getting proper compaction is the placement of the soil in "lifts". Compacting in lifts, or layers, of less than 8 in. (200 mm) will facilitate quality compaction. Placement and compaction in lifts that exceed 8 in. (200 mm) will result in less than adequate soil strength.

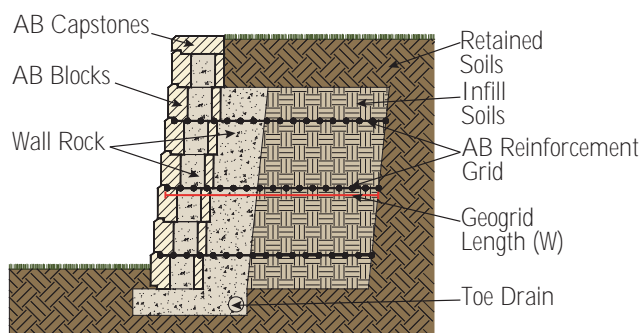
Compaction equipment must be sized according to the type of material being compacted. Always backfill and compact after each course of block is placed. Consult with a local equipment supplier to ensure that proper compaction equipment is used.



The consolidation zone runs from the back of the block back 3 ft. (0.9 m) into the infill soil. Only walk behind plate compaction equipment is allowed within the consolidation zone. A minimum of two passes with a walk behind plate compactor is required, starting on top of the block and compacting in paths that run parallel with the wall to the back of the excavated area. For more information see allanblock.com

AB Reinforcement Grid

AB Reinforcement Grid is biaxial which means it has the same strength in both directions and can be simply rolled out along the wall. It is available in 3 ft. and 4 ft. rolls and is 50 ft. long (0.9 m and 1.2 m by 15 m) and is best used for residential walls under 6 ft (1.8 m) tall.



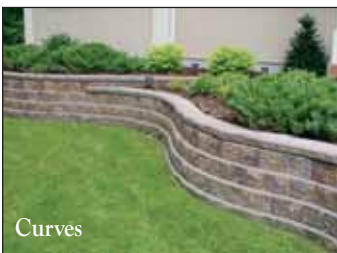


Patterned walls or a single block shape walls

With the AB or AB Europa Collection you can build patterned walls, or just use one of the blocks in the collection to complete your project. Either way will give you outstanding results. See allanblock.com for more information and patterned installation details.

Straight Lines and Curves

Mother Nature rarely draws a straight line. Not only will curved designs feel more natural, they are actually easier to build too! Free flowing curves will grace any garden or landscape.



Steps and Stairs

Stairs can be easily designed with flowing curves or with right angles. The simplest stair designs are built using curves. Allow for extra time for laying out and building your stairs. See allanblock.com for more information and installation details.



Raised Garden Beds and Plantable Walls

Bring the ground to the gardener! Create easy garden beds that are easy to access and maintain. Plantable walls can be easily incorporated into your design. Planting areas are formed by stepping back the wall and planting in the exposed area.



Colours

Colour selection is key to a great design. Be sure to consider the total composition - house, pavements, and bed mulch - and find the look that's right for you. See page 61 for colours.



The colours of the house, AB Jumbo and pavers go together beautifully.

Landscape Walls Guide

See the Allan Block Landscape Walls Guide for complete installation and product details or visit our website at allanblock.com for more details.

