

Patios4U DIY Guide



Build Your Patio Step-by-Step (For All Kits)

This guide is designed to help you install any Patios4U kit clearly, practically, and safely. It doesn't matter if you chose a Compact, Extended, or L-Shape model: the installation process is the same.

Patios4U handles the complex parts (calculations, materials, compatibility). You just follow the steps.

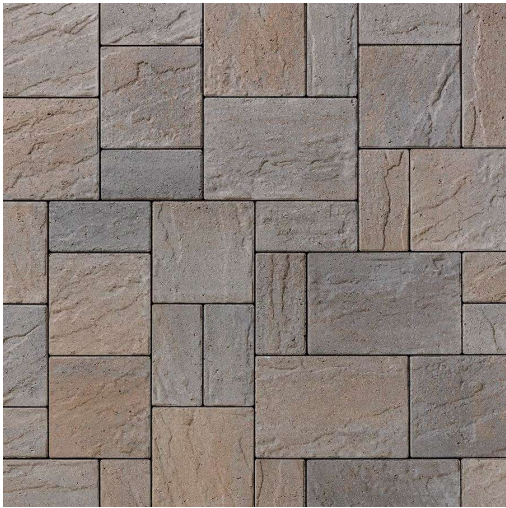
Before You Begin

What Your Patios4U Kit Includes

- ☐ Pavers (according to the model)
- ☐ Gator Base Panels
- ☐ Geotextile fabric
- ☐ Crushed stone (#7-8-9) for leveling
- ☐ Edge restraints
- ☐ Screws
- ☐ Polymeric sand

Note: Each kit includes a 5–10% extra material for cuts and adjustments.

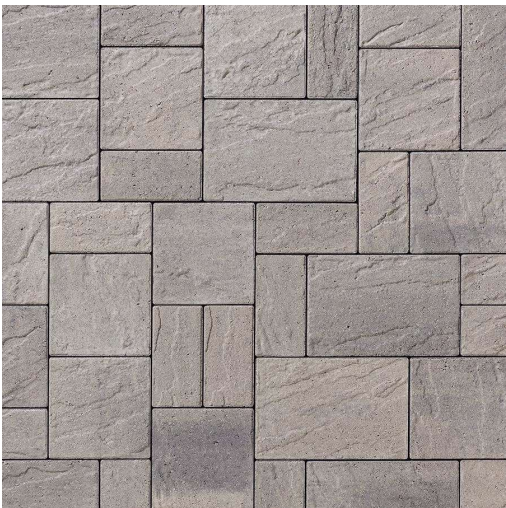
Champlain Gray



Chestnut Brown



Shale Grey



Gator Base Panels



Border + stakes/nails
2 1/2 Pallets



Onyx Black

Geotextile Fabric (Gf5)



Polymeric Sand



Granular Base



crushed stone mix
#7, #8, and #9 (7-8-9)

Tools You Must Have

- ☐ Shovel or pickaxe
- ☐ Measuring tape and string
- ☐ Level (ideally with a slope reference)
- ☐ Compactor or hand tamper
- ☐ Straight edge or board for leveling (screed board)
- ☐ 2 metal pipes of 3/4"
- ☐ Broom

Recommended: masonry saw or grinder, leaf blower, gloves, and knee pads.



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STEP-BY-STEP INSTALLATION

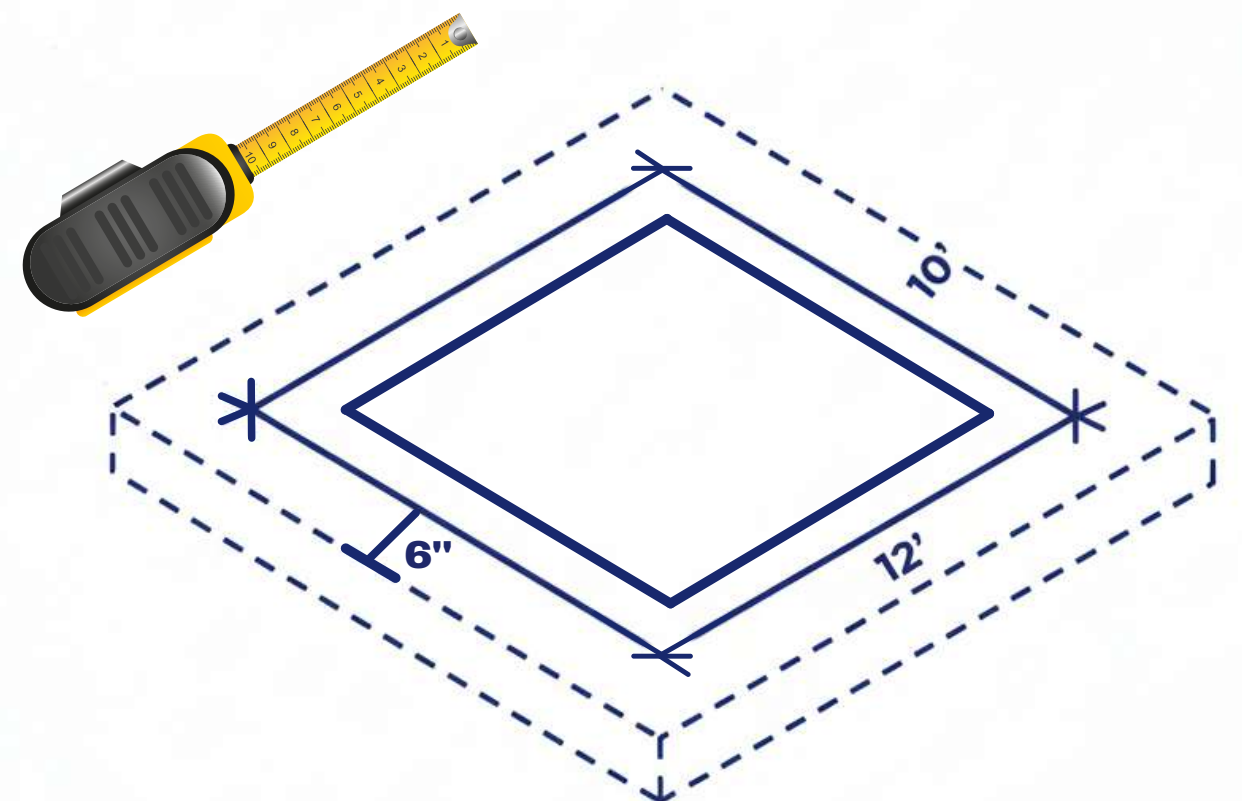
STEP 1 · Mark the Area

What to do

1. Define the final size of your patio according to the kit.
2. Mark the perimeter with string or spray paint.
3. Add **6 extra inches (15 cm)** around the perimeter for excavation.

Why it's important

This extra space allows for the correct installation of the edge restraints, which keep the entire system firm.



STEP 2 · Strategic Excavation (4" Deep)

What to do

- Excavate **4 inches (10 cm)** throughout the marked area.
- **Remove roots, large stones, and loose soil.**

Patios4U Tip

The more uniform the base is, the easier the rest of the process will be.



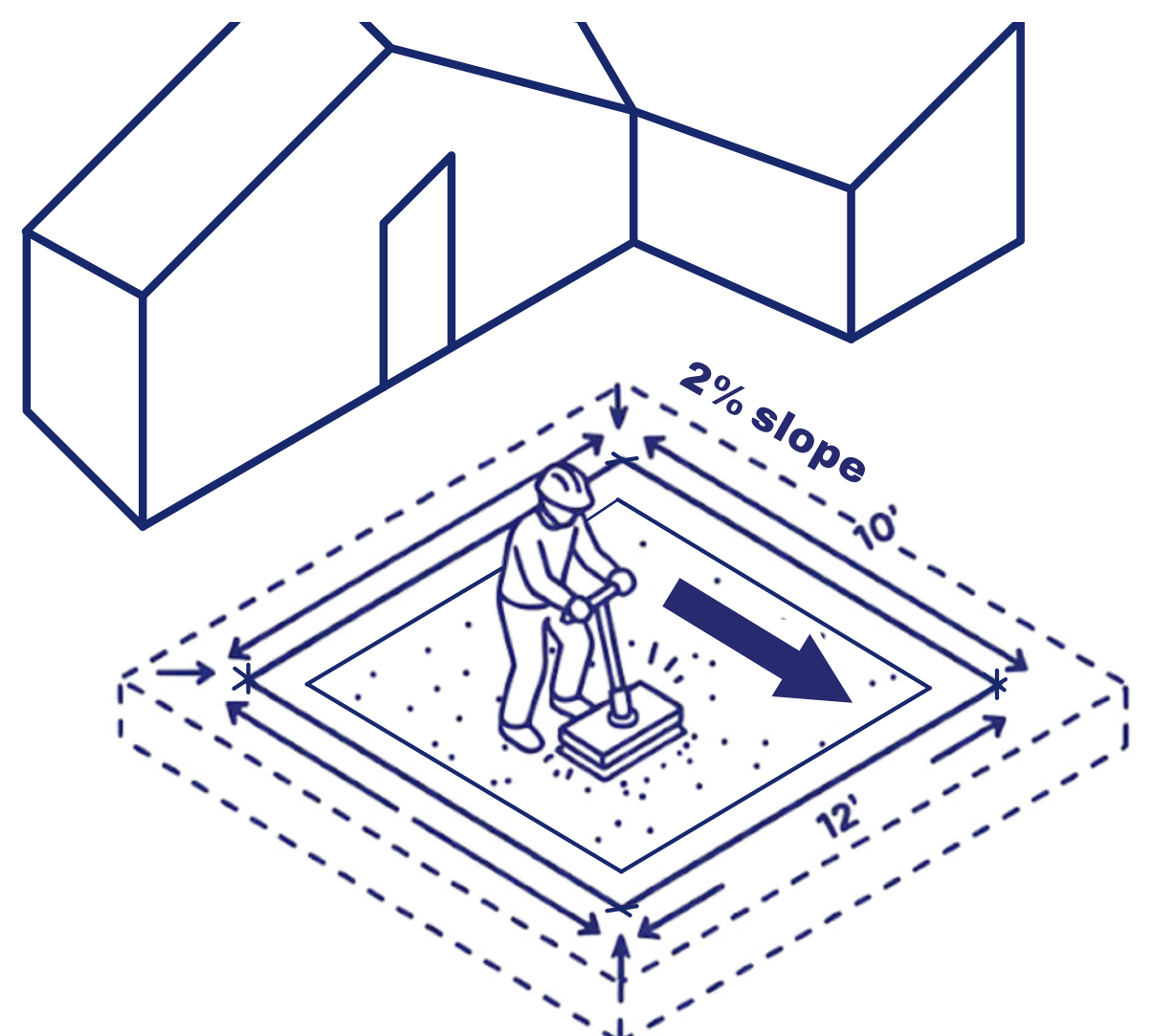
STEP 3 · Compaction and Slope

What to do

- Compact the soil well with a tamper or compactor.
- Create a 2% slope away from the house (approx. 1/4" for every foot).

Why it's key

This prevents water accumulation and extends the life of the patio.



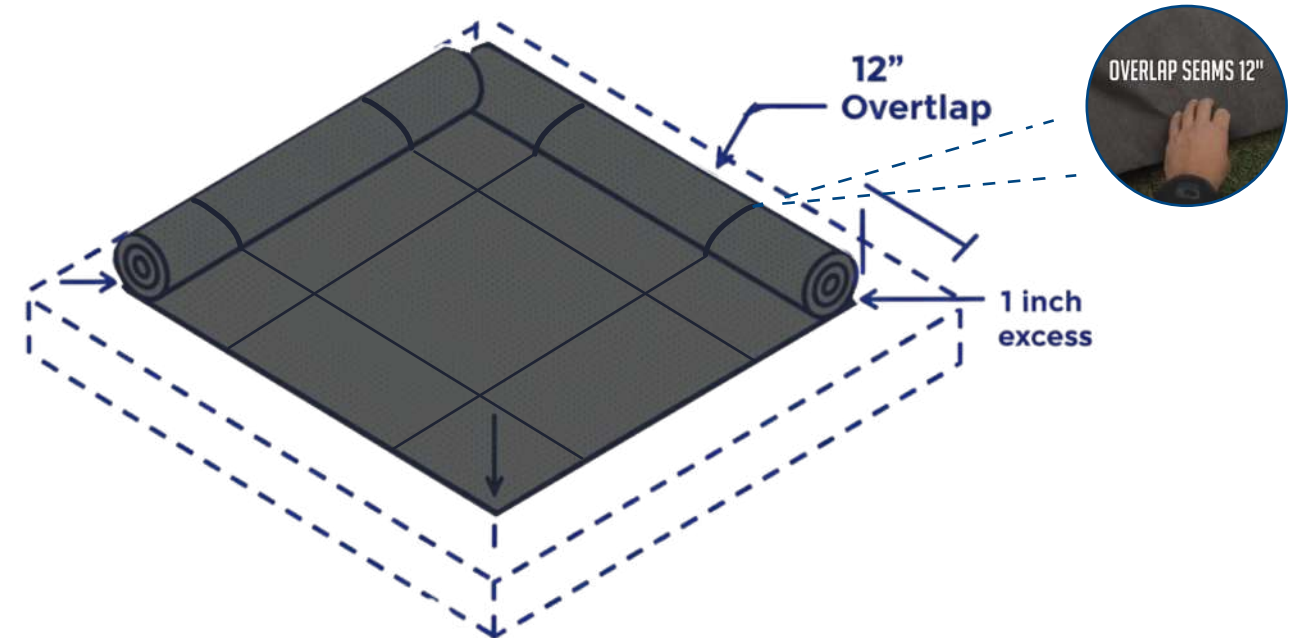
STEP 4 · Geotextile Fabric Placement

What to do

- Spread the fabric over the entire excavated area.
- It should cover the base and go slightly up the sides.
- If using multiple pieces, **overlap them 12 inches (30 cm).**

Function

It prevents the soil from mixing with the base and maintains long-term stability.



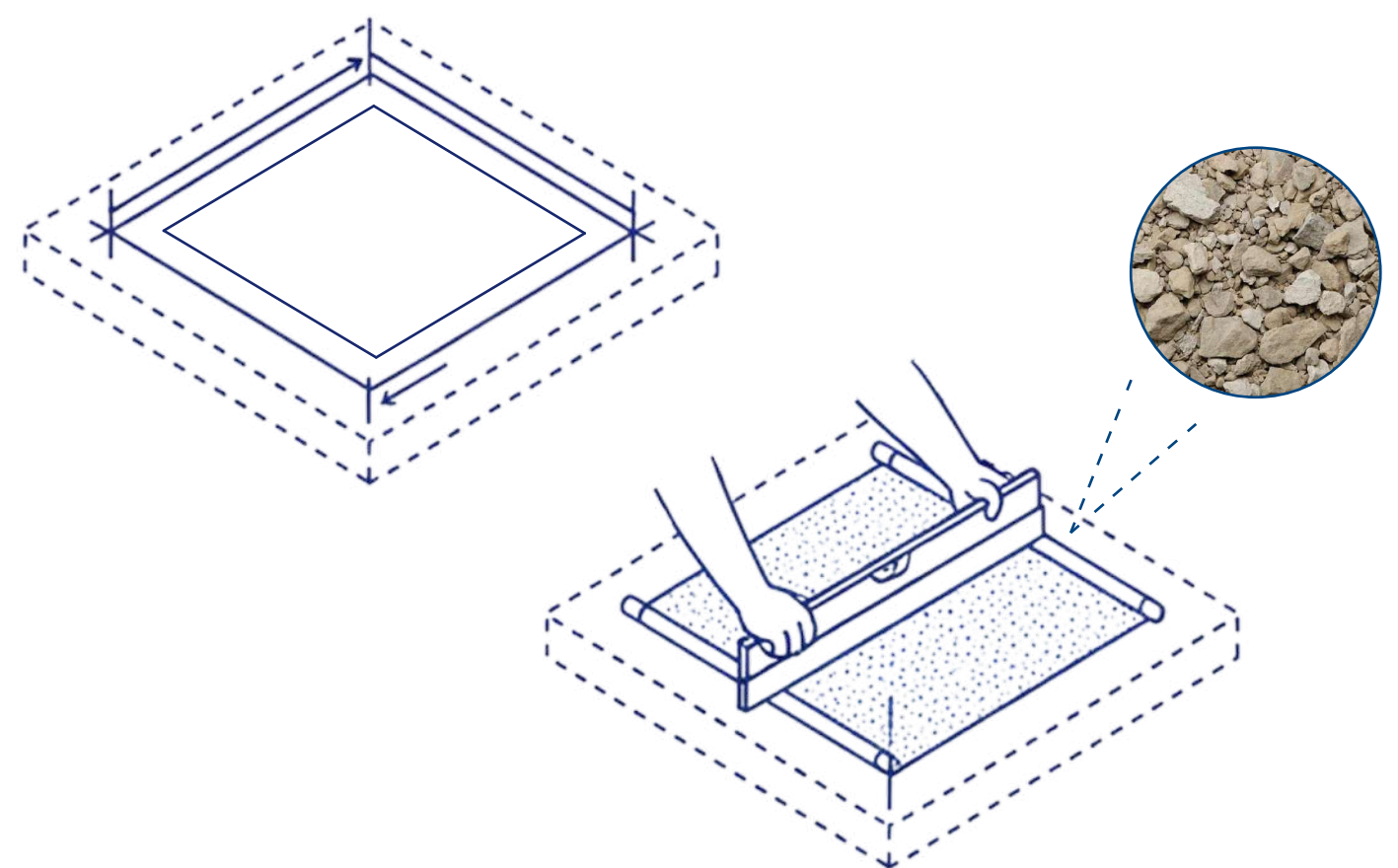
STEP 5 · Leveling with Crushed Stone (Screeding)

What to do

1. Place the metal pipes parallel to each other.
2. Pour the crushed stone.
3. Use the straight board to level by sliding it over the pipes.
4. Remove the pipes and fill the channels.

Expected result

A flat, firm surface, ready for the panels.



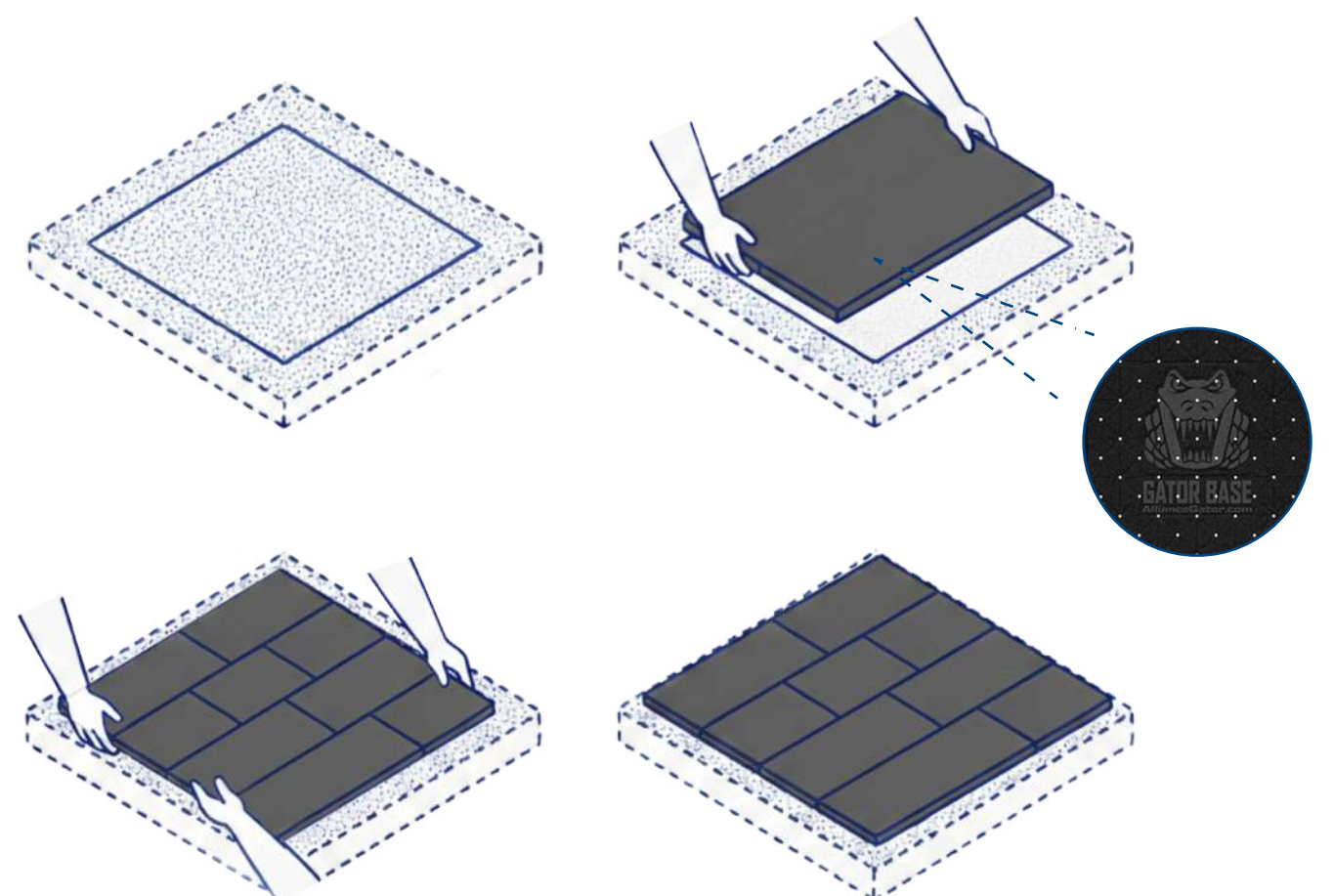
STEP 6 · Installing the Gator Base Panels

What to do

- Place the panels directly on the leveled base.
- Install them **staggered**, like a brick pattern.

Advantage

They distribute the weight uniformly and replace traditional, more complex layers.



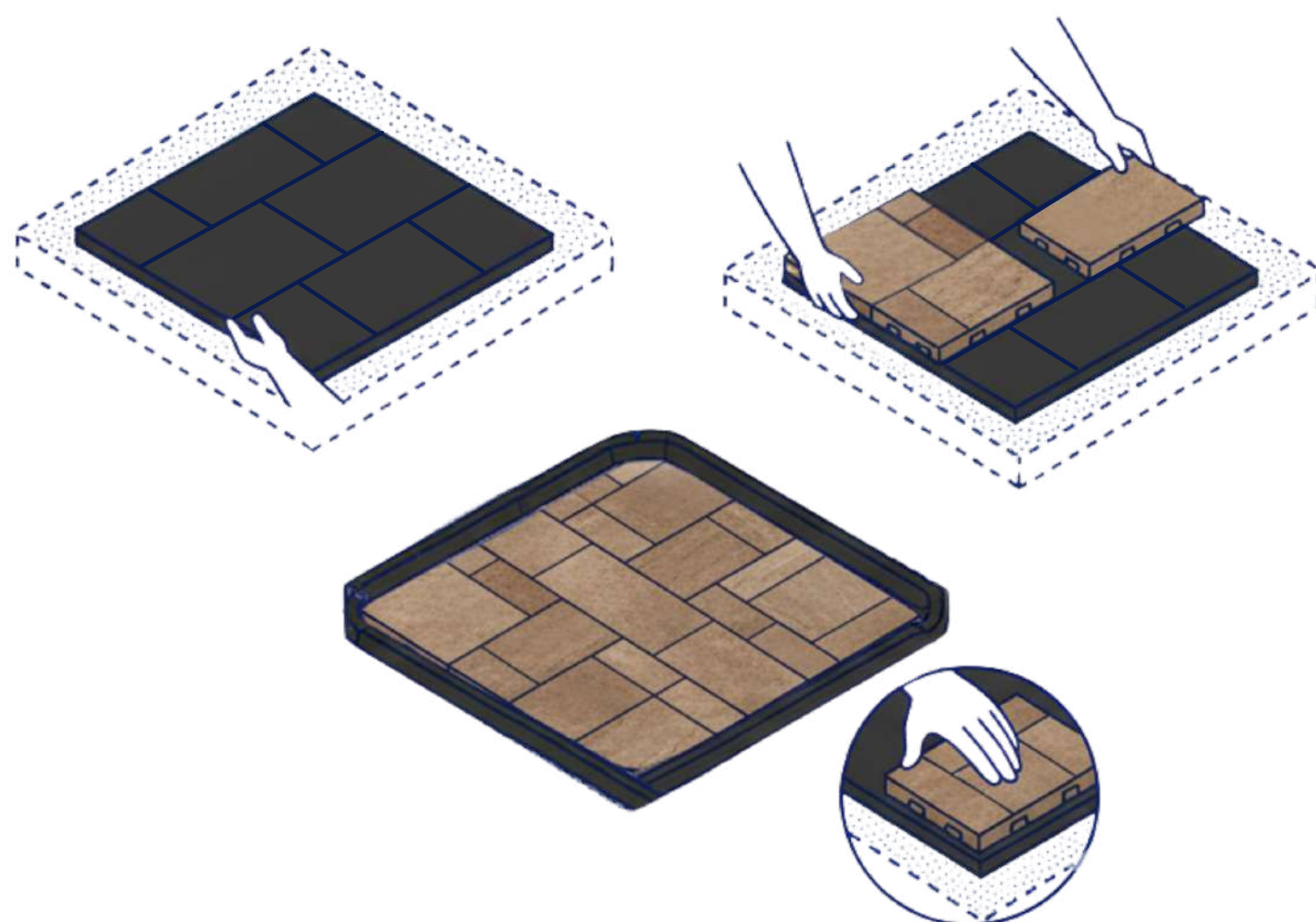
STEP 7 · Placing the Pavers

What to do

- Install the pavers directly on the panels.
- Follow the **pre-defined kit pattern (45° diagonal)**.
- Check alignment every few rows.

Take your time here

This step defines the final aesthetic of your patio.



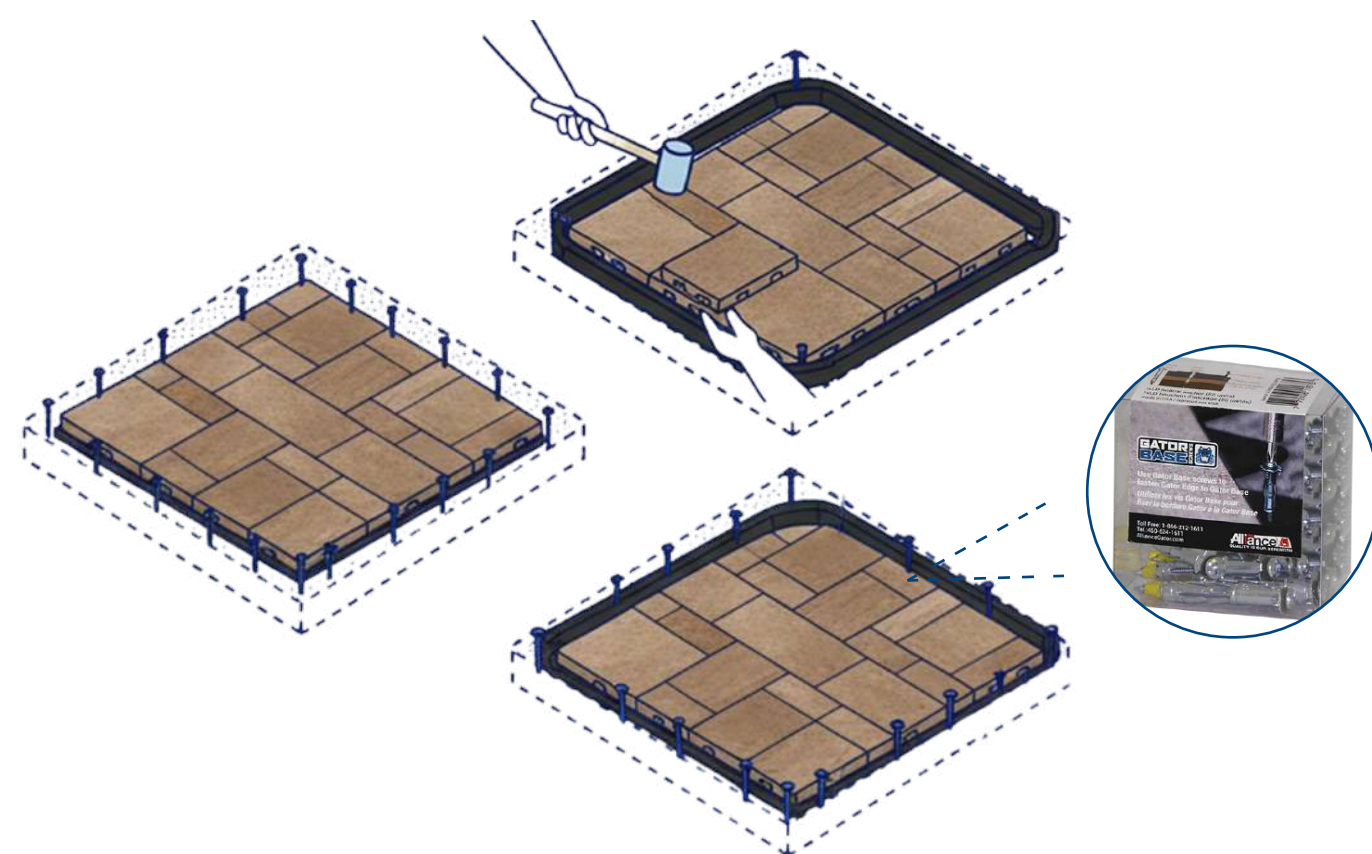
STEP 8 · Installing Edge Restraints

What to do

- Place the edges firmly around the perimeter.
- Secure them with screws or stakes through the panels.

Why it matters

They prevent the pavers from shifting over time.



STEP 9 · Polymeric Sand (Final Finish)

What to do

1. Sweep the sand into the joints.
2. Compact gently (with a protector).
3. Remove all excess dust.
4. Lightly moisten to activate the sealing.

Final result

A solid, clean patio with a professional finish.

