

## Decorative Pebbles

Decorative Pebbles create attractive surfaces in your garden, in paths and on driveways.

Choose from a large range of looks and sizes. Our pebbles are often classified by numbers – eg River Pebble 9/16 is a range of pebble size of 9mm to 16mm.

For smaller sections, laying pebbles is a permeable alternative because the surface allows rain to penetrate through to the surface below. In high density areas such as we find in Auckland, this reduces the need to install the type of drainage required when concreting and paving over garden areas.

### Preparing a pebbled area:

Lay a basecourse – this provides a stable, level base to lay the pebbles on. For paths etc, you'd use GAP 7 or GAP 20. For driveways and parking areas, GAP 40 is a larger size aggregate and will require compacting.

Pebbles can then be laid over the basecourse and raked to give a smooth even look.

It's an easy care look: Ongoing maintenance is confined to raking, clearing the occasional air-blown weeds seeded and topping up levels as required.

### Dealing with mud – the Jakmat Geocell way

Jakmat is a high quality, very strong mat system made here in New Zealand from recycled plastic. Developed in conjunction with the Department of Conservation to provide strong, stable access in muddy areas of New Zealand's national parks, this product has become one of our most popular. It is ideal for turning unusable outdoor areas into something that both looks good and is functional. Jakmat Geocell is a system of interlocking mats with a honeycomb system in which decorative pebbles can be placed. It can be both walked on and driven over.

### Preparing for laying Jakmat pebbled areas:

- How many Jakmat Geocell mats do I need? Multiply the square metre area by 4.27 to gauge how many you need. Then talk with our friendly staff about how much pebble/stone/chip you'll require to fill the mats.
- To start, ensure the sub-ground area is excavated to ensure the finished level is at the correct height.

- If laying over mud or soil, place a layer of geotextile such as Weedmat or Mudstop before placing GAP 20 or GAP 40 over it
- Compact the GAP aggregate and, if desired, add a layer of fine sand for the mats to bed into
- Lay the mats - they can be cut down using power tools if necessary
- Fill with desired decorative aggregates to just above the surface to allow for compaction

## Tip:

This system can be used to grow grass - just substitute Ultra lawn mix for the pebbles or stones in the mats and sow lawn seed as per our Sowing a great lawn sheet.

More information can be found here: <http://www.jakmat.co.nz/Products/JakMatGeocell>

## CHECKLIST

### Pebbled Areas

- GAP 7 or GAP 20
- Pebbles
- Rake
- Loan trailer (if necessary)

### Jakmat

- Weedmat or Mudstop
- GAP 7, GAP 20 or GAP 40
- Jakmat Geocell mats
- Pebbles - or, if creating lawn - Ultra Lawn + Grass Seed
- Rake
- Loan trailer (if necessary)