



Decorative Concrete Walkways



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Concrete walkways are more than just a way to get wherever it is you're going—they can provide much-needed curb appeal to homes and buildings, and they are fast becoming a point of artistic expression by way of a multitude of decorative concrete options.

While plain gray concrete is still the most often concrete walkway installed, there are numerous decorative concrete alternatives sure to dress it up, taking your walkway from boring to amazing.

The best part is that most of the options will work just as well on an existing walkway, because the concrete industry has rapidly developed many decorative products that can be applied to existing plain concrete walkways.

Concrete's become the new material of choice for designers across the U.S. Decorative concrete in all of its stained, colored, molded and personalized glory is popping up in retail stores, trendy restaurants, offices and homes everywhere. Now you can find out why!

Decorative concrete options for new walkways

There are so many options to choose from, including stamped concrete, concrete engraving, exposed aggregate finishes, colored concrete, intricately sawed or grooved patterns, concrete stains, and interlocking concrete pavers.



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Stamped Concrete Walkways

Patterns resembling brick, slate, stone, flagstone, tile and wood can be added to a walkways' surface through concrete stamping. For more information, visit the following link:
http://www.concretenetwork.com/concrete/stamped_concrete/index.html

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Concrete Engraving for Walkways With the use of special tools and equipment, patterns and designs can be permanently engraved into existing concrete. These patterns won't wear away since they have been carved into the concrete rather than applied to the top of it. For more information, visit the following link:
http://www.concretenetwork.com/concrete/concrete_engraving/index.html

Exposed Aggregate Finishes for Walkways

Sandblasting and water pressure are one of the few ways to expose the coarse rocks in the concrete mix. For more information, visit the following link:
<http://www.concretenetwork.com/concrete/exposedaggregate/index.html>

Colored Concrete for Walkways

With the wide variety of colors to choose from concrete can be colored to match the surrounding landscape. Color can be added integrally in the concrete mix or be added on once the concrete is poured. For more information, visit the following link:
http://www.concretenetwork.com/concrete/colored_concrete/index.html

Intricately Sawed or Grooved Patterns for Walkways

With concrete saws or hand tools, permanent patterns can be sawed or grooved into a walkways' surface. For more information, visit the following link:
<http://www.concretenetwork.com/concrete/decorative/specialeffects.htm>

Concrete Stains for Walkways

Chemical stains are applied to existing concrete surfaces and penetrate the surface to produce uneven, mottled, and variegated color effects depending on the stain's reaction with the concrete's minerals. Stains can also be applied to concrete that has already been integrally colored and inside the routed-out designs in stamped and engraved patterns. For more information, visit the following link:
http://www.concretenetwork.com/concrete/acid_etch_staining/index.html

Interlocking Concrete Pavers for Walkways

Concrete pavers are available in many shapes and colors, which are often combined in the same walkway installation. Pavers are often chosen to match or compliment brick or stone veneers on the home. For more information, visit the following link:
<http://www.concretenetwork.com/concrete/pavers/index.html>

Maintenance for Decorative Concrete Walkways

The key to the lasting beauty of decorative concrete is continuous maintenance. Maintenance is required for the concrete to retain color and texture. Maintaining plain gray concrete is beneficial, but is not essential. For more information, visit the following link:
http://www.concretenetwork.com/concrete/protect_and_beautify_concrete/index.html

Decorative concrete options for existing walkways

Don't feel left out if you already have a walkway—there are plenty of ways you can make it unique. From concrete engraving, to concrete overlays, to sawcut patterns, to random cut patterns—you're sure to find a way to take your boring existing walkway from "OK" to "Wow!"



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Concrete Engraving for Walkways

Concrete engraving is often done on existing walkways to produce a look like elaborate brickwork at a fraction of the cost. So a plain gray walkway can be poured, then stained and engraved to look like brick. For more information, visit the following link:

http://www.concretenetwork.com/concrete/concrete_engraving/index.html

Concrete Overlays for Walkways

Concrete can be resurfaced and look just like a stamped concrete or travertine finished surface. The new surface is only 1/8- to 1/4-inch thick. The concrete is cleaned, acid etched and neutralized, then a primer coat is rolled on the walkway surface. Finally, the colored polymer is applied and stamped or jointed, and the concrete sealed. For more information, visit the following link:

http://www.concretenetwork.com/concrete_overlays_cement/index.html

Sawcut Patterns for Walkways

Different square or rectangular patterns can be sawcut into an existing walkway and are often combined with concrete staining. Square patterns are used for borders and diagonal patterns are used for the interior area. For more information, visit the following link:

<http://www.concretenetwork.com/concrete/decorative/specialeffects.htm>

Random Cut Patterns for Walkways

Permanent patterns can be sawed into the concrete's surface by using a concrete saw or hand tool. For added effects, colors can be used in the "fields" of the pattern. For more information, visit the following link:

http://www.concretenetwork.com/concrete/concrete_driveways/intricately_sawed_or_grooved_patterns.htm

Maintenance for Decorative Concrete Walkways

Plain gray concrete benefits by being cleaned and sealed periodically. But if this basic maintenance isn't done – well, it still looks OK. Decorative concrete, however, needs to be maintained to continue to look good for years. For more information, visit the following link:

http://www.concretenetwork.com/concrete/protect_and_beautify_concrete/index.html

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