Stepping Stones

Today on Gardening in a Minute: stepping stones.

Stepping stones are a Florida-friendly option for creating pathways in the landscape. Because they cover less ground than an asphalt or concrete sidewalk, rainwater is more easily absorbed, reducing runoff. Stepping stones keep damaging foot traffic off turfgrass and groundcovers, and allow you to work in large garden beds without compacting the soil.

There are several material options for stepping stones. Natural stones or flagstones blend well in the landscape, while concrete stones are available in different shapes and colors. For a personal touch, you can even create your own stepping stones. This also makes a thoughtful gift and is a great project for kids of all ages.

Plan your pathway before laying the stones and make sure they’re level and low enough to mow over.

For more information about stepping stones and other gardening topics, contact your county extension office or visit Gardening in a Minute dot com.

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