

LARGE-FORMAT PAVER TRENDS



For the past few years, large-format paver and porcelain slabs have been gaining in popularity all across North America. While smaller format still rules in terms of volume, large slabs make up a larger share each year. Consumers love the uncluttered look of fewer, and are quickly shifting away from traditional styles, toward a more modern or transitional look. This also aligns with the shift away from curvilinear organic shapes, toward cleaner more contemporary lines.

Belgard has recognized this trend, and we have answered the call by offering an extensive assortment of pavers and slabs in a variety of sizes, textures, and colors across our unique modular platform.



ORIGINS AND DIMENSIONS

Our two core families of pavers, **Origins™** and **Dimensions™** both feature our 3-piece 18 series with a blend of 3 sizes ranging from 9 x 18", 18 x 18", and 18 x 27". Both the slate stone texture of Origins, and the clean, smooth finish of Dimensions looks great on any project. Dimensions also has a couple stand-alone paver slabs, our 12 x 24", 24 x 24", and our 24 x 36".



PAPYRUS

Our newest paver, called **Papyrus™**, features an organic tooled texture in our 3-piece 18 series as well.

BASALT

Basalt™, our "flame-finished" textured paver, is also available in our 3-piece 18 series.



***Papyrus™, Basalt™, Origins™ and Dimensions™** are all available in our modular 3 x 3" platform, and are designed to be blended or mixed with each other seamlessly. Pair these with our endless selection of smaller format borders and accents such as our new 3 x 9 **Brooklyn™** paver, our Geometric Shapes pavers, and the sky is the limit when it comes to design!*

PORCELAIN PAVERS

Our standard **porcelain** offering comes in 2' x 2' and 2' x 4' options, but you can special order sizes much larger than this! Porcelain has been setting the trend for years with large-format paver slabs, and the variety of textures and styles, matched with their amazing durability, will allow you to satisfy the most discerning clients. Better yet, mixing these with our paver line can yield some incredible results. Mixed, large-format projects can look incredible.

BEST PRACTICES

If you are considering offering these larger-format pavers to your clients, we can't emphasize enough how important the proper tools are. While you can certainly place these by hand, nothing saves time and money more than using a vacuum installation method. **Pave Tool's two-person vacuum** (Vac Max Ergo XL) makes the installation so much easier. It saves your back and your fingers, and can cut installation times in half vs hand laying.

Large-format pavers and slabs are here to stay, so be sure to educate yourself on these different styles, the proper equipment, and don't be afraid to try out some unique designs with different patterns. You can certainly stick to the standard 3-piece random pattern, but play around with **diagonal, herringbone, running bond**, and more. Get creative! Not only will your projects look amazing, you will set yourself apart from the competition.

