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HOW TO BUILD TIERED GARDEN WALLS

Step 1: Clear the Area The first step of the project is to clear the area where you'll be building your tiered wall. You'll want stones with color and character for the wall face, and flat, level stones for the cap.

Step 2: Dig the Footings

Next, dig the footings for the new tiers. Each tier will be 20 inches high, and will need a footing that is 12-inches deep. (A 12-inch footing can support a wall that is up to 3 feet high.) A wall 20 inches tall should be 14 to 16 inches thick. Anything wider would look out of proportion. If you find some rocks in your footing that you can't move, don't panic. They can be incorporated into the footing. If the rock looks good enough, you can use it in the face of the wall.

Step 3: Add Concrete to the Footings

Next, add pre-mixed concrete to the footings. Pour the concrete into a wheelbarrow and add in water, then use a hoe to mix the concrete to a consistency of peanut butter. Once your concrete is ready, pour it into the 12-inch deep row for the footing. For reinforcement, place half-inch rebar along each footing. Lay the rebar into the wet concrete like railroad tracks, and then push them into the concrete until they're about halfway down. (The rebar will keep the footing from breaking and will prevent frost heaves in the winter time.) Wait until the concrete has set up (usually in about 12 hours) before beginning to set the stone.

Step 4: Mix the Mortar for Building the Wall

There are two different ways to mix mortar - by hand or by machine. For a large job, consider renting a mortar mixer. A "one bagger" will hold one bag of mortar, plus sand and water. First, add the water. The amount of water necessary can vary, depending on the wetness of the sand, so first put in about 3/4 of your 5-gallon bucket of water. Next, add in the sand and mortar. In a wheelbarrow, dry mix Type S mortar with mason sand, then slowly pour in the water. Use the same ratios of sand and water, (about 16 shovels-full of sand, and about 5 gallons or water).

Step 5: Build the Wall

Before actually building the wall, you'll want to make sure it is level and straight. First, set up steel bars or wood stakes for posts at each end of the wall, and run a string line between them. Remember that it is important for your string to be square against any adjacent walls or structures.

Step 6: Construct "Beehives" or Weep Holes

Whenever you're building a retaining wall, you need to be sure to create a path where the water will go. If not, the water can build up and damage your wall. Take broken stone and pile it up to create a "beehive" near the base of the wall every five feet or so. Build each beehive at the rear of the wall, so that a stone can be set in front of it. Set a stone in front of the "beehive," and as you're setting it, be sure to leave a joint dry. Rainwater will be attracted to and flow through the stone beehive, and exit the dry joint in front.

Step 7: Cap the Wall

To ensure that your cap stones are all at a level height, run a taut string between the two crowbars at capstone level. Run a line level across it to make sure the capstones are level. Some stones may have a nice smooth top, but will sit at an angle, with one end thicker than the other. Set the stone to your string, so that the top is level. Then add a small flat stone underneath your larger stone, and that will make it level all around. If you don't have any shims lying around, you can chip away at some large stones with your chisel to create some.

Step 8: Joint the Top Cap

The jointing is very important because you don't want any water sitting in open joints. Start by filling in the joints with mortar. Remove excess mortar from the joints on the face of the wall. This step should be done when the mortar has set a bit, but before it dries. Use the jointer to dig out the mortar until it is uniformly recessed about 1-2 inches. This will give you a wall that looks like a dry-stack farm wall, but that has the strength of concrete. Smooth the joints with a paintbrush, after they have been uniformly recessed.

Step 9: Add the Finishing Touches

Since your new retaining walls will need something to retain, spread loam behind each tier and add landscaping. Replant the plants that you had saved from the original landscaping.

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