SWS-10416
Outdoor Stone Couch

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Step by step instructions for assembling SWS-10416 on a prepared surface/base.
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Materials needed:
240 Dakota Stone™ (4x8x12)
65 6x9 Ledge Rock (24 sf)
12 Tubes Adhesive

Tools Needed:
Dead Blow Hammer
Caulk Gun
4 Foot Level
Torpedo Level
Square

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REVISIONS

- 2 SKU and QR update 06/04/15
- Added color for simplified instructions - TP 02/19/15
All sizes in this document are approximate.

**Unit Size Color Key**

The "Square Foot Unit." consists of three block as shown. By rotating this unit (SFU) we are able to build quickly and easily while keeping bond lines broken up. These will always be shown in a tan color.

Sometimes SFUs are broken up or can't be used. The Double Unit is the next preferred unit. Double Units are grouped for strength and speed in construction. They are always represented in green.

The Single Unit is the basis for all the construction, of course. When used in a single or non-standard configuration, you will see Dakota Stone™ depicted in red.

6" x 9" Ledge Rock paver. Great to use as a small cap. Always shown in light blue.

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**Key:**
- **Square Foot Unit:** 12" x 12" x 8" (305mm x 305mm x 203mm)
- **Double Unit:** 12" x 12" x 8" (305mm x 305mm x 203mm) double
- **Single Unit:** 12" x 4" x 8" (305mm x 101mm x 203mm)
- **6" x 9" Ledge Rock paver:** 6" x 9" x 6" (152mm x 228mm x 152mm)

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Lay out the first course of your couch. This is the "foundation" on which you will build your stone couch. Take time to make sure it is as perfect as possible. Be sure this course is level and square. Any mistakes made here will continue to show up as you build.

Any time you see a block with just the wide top showing, fret not, it is a Square Foot Unit (SFU). The unit is just turned where the that is the only block you see.

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Center this entire section. It is approximately 10" in from each side.

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After your glue has set you can begin filling the void with angular gravel. A free draining aggregate is recommended. Be sure to compact every 4" as you fill. You do not want your rock to settle later. Be sure to screed off the excess gravel to keep the top of the rock level. You will be setting your cap stones on this bed of rock.
The key to any good build is the finish. The caps are a sure way to make your couch look great. Place all the caps before gluing them. Be sure to space them where they have an acceptable overhang. Be sure to keep your caps straight. You can hide a bulge in your structure by keeping the caps straight and level. Take your time! If you built the couch straight and level, the caps will be a breeze to install.

Long Halves are simply made by cutting a block along its center on the longest axis.

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