

Slab base method

Tools Required:

Pegs and good quality string
Flat Face Paving Slabs
Building sand

Standard cement
Rake
Tape measure
Spade

Rubber mallet
Spirit level
Yard / Sweeping brush

Step 1:

Using pegs and string mark out the base 2 inch (5 cm) larger than the area of the building on each side. Measure diagonal to ensure the area is square.

Step 2:

Strip the topsoil and dig out to a depth of approx. 2.5 inch (7 cm) to accommodate the base. Level the area and remove the pegs. Mix together one part cement to eight parts building sand for a dry sand and cement mix. Spread this evenly ensuring that the mix sits approx. 4 cm in depth. Now, rake this to a level

Step 3:

Starting from one corner and working outward, lay the slabs by tapping down on the centre of each slab with a rubber mallet. Using a spirit level, ensure all the slabs are square, level and firmly butted together for a solid base. The completed base should be level and square. Do one final check with a long straight edge to check if the base is level from each corner, and also measure the diagonals to finally check the base is square. Brush off any excess dry sand/cement mix, which could hinder the levelling of the shed.

