## **Building** a staircase

## **EXAMPLES OF STEPS**

When building a staircase, you should follow 4 security measures:

- 1 In poor soil conditions, a geotextile must be installed over the excavated area to eliminate contamination of soils.
- 2 Every riser and wall should be built as one unit to create a monolithic structure.
- 3 To ensure the structure and the compaction of aggregates are stable, a biaxial geogrid should be installed at strategic locations.
- 4 All Antique step units and the course of blocks beneath should be clean of all debris and glued with a cement adhesive.
- Note: The Antique 14" steps and the Prima Cap allows you the option to create 11.75" or 13.75" steps (see example #1 of steps).



- Caps should always be glued
- Crossing unit should be corner units
- 5 Geotextile (Geo-Fabric) eliminates the contamination of soils.





Building a Step with Mini-Creta Plus 6"



Building a Step with Quarry Stone 100 mm



Building a Step with Quarry Stone 200 mm



Building a Step with Escala/Escala Cap





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## Building a staircase (continued)

Building perpendicular right-angled or winding stairs begins with an exterior 90° angle, followed by an interior corner. Backfill as you build with 0-3/4" (0-20 mm) stone compacted to 95% SPD (Standard Proctor Density) behind the step and for behind the wall, use 3/4" (20 mm) net stone for better drainage.

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The second course or step will be level with the first course of blocks and integrated with the wall for a uniform appearance. Repeat the procedure for each subsequent step.

Glue each coping unit to the course of blocks and use geogrid at every step for greater stability.





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Begin with two 90° angles when building projecting right-angled or winding stairs. Backfill the stairs as you build with 0-3/4" (0-20 mm) stone compacted to 95% SPD (Standard Proctor Density). Behind the wall, use 3/4" (20 mm) net stone for better drainage.

- 2 The second course or step will be level with the first course of blocks and integrated with the wall for a monolithic appearance.
- **3** Repeat the procedure for each subsequent step.
- Glue each coping unit to the course of blocks and use geogrid at every step for greater stability.



