

## **1. Concrete Slab**

Concrete slabs are one of the most popular hot tub foundations because they're long-lasting, strong, and easy to add to your backyard. They are, however, a permanent solution, so if you're looking for something that you can move in the future, concrete won't be the best option.

When installing your concrete pad, you'll want to ensure you give it time to cure properly to make it as durable as possible. You will also want to consider the weather when installing it. If the temperature changes too much while the concrete is curing, you may end up with cracks, damaging its overall strength.

This foundation type is ideal for those who are looking for a lower-cost, easy maintenance solution. Concrete can easily be sprayed down to keep it clean, and you can add some decorative trim to make it more aesthetically pleasing.

We suggest consulting a local concrete expert for thickness and grading. We do suggest a minimum of 4in thick concrete.

## **2. Your Patio**

Your existing patio can provide an easy way to add a hot tub to your backyard.

Before you choose to go with this solution, ensure your patio is level and in good condition. Thoroughly check for any cracks or damage to your patio, and take a level to verify it's perfectly leveled. Even the slightest offset could cause damage to your hot tub over time.

Adding your hot tub to your patio can help create a clean backyard appearance, tying your hot tub in naturally to your existing space, especially when paired with the right colored cabinet.

## **3. Paver Stones**

When you use paver stones, you'll be able to create a more unique look for your hot tub foundation with a wide variety of options to choose from.

When using paver stones for your hot tub, look for ones that are at least 2 inches thick. If they are any thinner, they'll crack and break under the weight of your hot tub.

To increase the life span of your paver stones, you'll want to have a base to install them on instead of putting them directly on top of the ground. You can do this by layering gravel and sand underneath to support your paver stones.

With various colors, shapes, and styles, you'll be able to design a statement piece that reflects your personality. Whether you want a classic and clean look, a European style, or something a bit more flashy, there's a stone that can make it happen.

#### **4. Deck**

Decks are also a common option for a hot tub foundation, with many people already having one in their backyard.

Much like existing patios, decks also need to be in good condition and be level to support your hot tub without causing damage to it over time.

If you're building a deck specifically for your hot tub, choose wood that can withstand the elements, like pressure-treated ones. You can also create a protective barrier using stains, which will need to be reapplied throughout the years.

If your deck is elevated, you'll want to ensure it can withstand the weight of your hot tub when it's filled and has people in it before you choose this solution.

Using your pre-existing deck as your hot tub foundation is cost-effective without taking over any of the green space you have maintained in your backyard.

We suggest consulting a construction professional to make sure your deck will support your new hot tub.

#### **5. Spa Pads**

Spa pads offer a less permanent foundation for your hot tub, giving you peace of mind.

Usually, these pads will come with thick, interlocking pieces, giving them some durability and customization for size.

These hot tub foundation pads also offer a long-lasting solution without a hefty price tag. As with any of the other foundation options, they will still need to be on a perfectly flat surface to keep your hot tub from facing future damage.

Spa pads are one of the least permanent solutions, making them easy to move in the future should you decide to move your hot tub location.