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## What is stamped concrete?

The material is simply as the name implies concrete; however, specialty tradesmen use rubber stamp molds to imprint a stone or brick-appearing pattern and texture on it. This gives the concrete the look of pavers, tiles, flagstones, slate, worn rock, or other distinctive materials. It can be coated to have a gloss, or textured to look rough like sandstone and brick. It can be poured on top of existing concrete or stone as an overlay.

It's a versatile chameleon effect combined with a sturdy and inexpensive material. A knowledgeable expert can use it everywhere, from pool decks to driveways to home interiors, to create all sorts of effects.



## What is the function of stamped concrete?

The function of stamped concrete is to beautify highly trafficked floor surfaces for a lower cost than stone, wood, or brick. It's sold as an easy-to-install, versatile, weather-resistant substitute for more sensitive materials such as slate and brick. It's most commonly a type of outdoor paving, but it's also seen indoors mimicking tile or wooden floorboards.

The downside of stamped concrete is that it cracks more easily and isn't as long lasting as pavers.

## What is it most commonly used for?

Stamped concrete is most commonly used for highly visible hardscaped outdoor areas, starting with the driveway and front walkway, but also commonly pool patios, garden paths, and terraces.

Overlay concrete with stencils or color added can be a beautiful touch on indoor-outdoor spaces of a home, like a covered porch or sunroom. The color and pattern options are endless, and the price for the color and stencil process can often be more reasonable than for the stamping process.

For renovation specialists, the ability to pour an overlay of stamped concrete on top of an existing concrete slab makes this process like a magical quick fix, allowing them to more easily elevate the look of a front sidewalk or pool terrace.

## What is the cost?

For basic stamped concrete, the Concrete Network puts a price range of \$8-12 per square foot. For mid-range stamped concrete featuring multiple colors and/or borders, these experts have a range of \$12-18 per square foot.