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1. Measure

Measure the area that the crazy paving will cover.

2. Calculate Overrun

Next, calculate how much extra slate you will need.

To determine an overrun for waste, you first need to consider the aesthetic effect you envision and the amount of customization required in shaping the crazy paving.

Check here for how to create various aesthetic effects with crazy paving.

3. Overrun for Rustic Effect

On one side, we have a rustic effect with minimal customization (i.e., just light "trimming" of the existing shape). Here, you'll need to spend some time finding the best possible match.

With such a low degree of shaping, you will end up with relatively rough joints of 5 - 10 cm.

As a guideline, calculate an overrun of about 10–15%. For example, if you need to cover 10 sqm, you should order 11–12 sqm.



4. Overrun for Neat Effect

On the other extreme, we have a high degree of customization where the flagstones are shaped precisely to fit together like puzzle pieces, possibly with straight and geometric forms.

Here, you might have narrow joints of 1 - 5 cm.

As a guideline, calculate an overrun of about 25%. For example, if you need to cover 10 sqm, you should order 12.5–13 sqm.

