

# PROJECT

## Fire Pit

A cool night is made cozier with a fire pit where we can share stories, watch the stars and make s'mores.

When purchasing bricks for the fire pit wall, go for something sturdy like retaining wall bricks or concrete pavers. Some home improvement stores even carry bricks specifically designed for fire pits. A layer of firebricks, which have a higher heat resistance, on the inner layer of the fire pit is an optional safety measure. Also, always know the true source of your bricks—never use bricks from a river bed as they will explode.



### MATERIALS

Bricks\*  
Gravel  
Twine or string  
Tape measure  
Stakes



### TOOLS

Shovel  
Trowel  
Tamp  
Level

### 01

Determine placement for your fire pit, being it's a safe distance from any structures, bushes or trees and that the ground is level.

### 02

Insert a stake in the ground where the center of your pit will be. Tie one end of the string to the stake. Using string, determine width of your fire pit and mark the diameter. Typical fire pit diameter is 4-5 feet.

### 03

Using the shovel, remove grass/sod from the marked area. The hole for the fire pit should be 6-12 inches deep.

### 04

Tamp down the soil in the area you cleared. If you do not have a tamp—use the back side of your shovel to press down the cleared soil surface. Check using the level and make adjustments until completely level.

### 05

Pour a thick layer of gravel in the fire pit (at least a couple of inches). Spread the gravel around evenly. Arrange the bricks in a circle and stack them in layers until the fire pit wall is at least 12" tall.

For safety purposes, the hole for a fire pit should be 6-12 inches deep. Be sure to call 811.

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