

POURED IN PLACE BORDERS

Step-by-Step Instructions



1. Stake the contours. Drive 1 x 1 x 12" wood stakes at 18" intervals along the contours of the curved border.



2. Attach curved forms. Use 1/4 x 4 x 8" flexible hardboard or plywood to the wood stakes using 1" wood screws.



3. Anchor the forms. Cut 1 x 1" boards in lengths equal to the width of the border for use as spacers. Set 1 x 1 x 12" wood stakes along the outside contour of the border layout in 3-ft. intervals. Use 1 x 1" spacers placed along the bottom edge of the hardboard form to maintain consistent border width.



4. Pour the concrete. Mix concrete to a firm workable consistency and pour into the border form. Use a margin trowel to spread and consolidate the mix.



5. Tool the concrete. Once the bleed water has disappeared, smooth the surface with a wood float. Using a margin trowel, cut control joints a minimum of 1" deep into the concrete at 3-ft. intervals. Consolidate and smooth the border edges using a concrete edging tool.



6. Seal the concrete. Apply acrylic concrete sealer to the concrete and let it cure for three to five days before removing the forms. Backfill against the lawn border with sod or dirt.