

## Pebble Decorations in Your Garden.

Use of stones and pebbles is one of the ways how we can reduce the spread of weeds. I am one of the pioneers who started using pebble cover in Cyprus and I have been even criticized for that. Lately however, I observed that everyone began to use, even the ones who have been criticizing me. The reason lies in the high effectiveness of this method. Yes, we love grass and we would like to see our garden covered everywhere by green. However, keeping a garden green and beautiful requires a lot of work, time, watering and, obviously, more expenses. Therefore, many people choose stone and pebble decoration instead. Still though, caring of the garden is as much important as creating it



So, Lets discuss what should be taken into consideration while doing the pebble decorations. First of all, the ground should be carefully cleaned. Before anything else is done, weed medicine, which stops weeds growing, should be spread around. The next important step is to add the soil. Needless to say, a quality membrane is of the utmost importance.

I would advise not to use plastic, not only because it is not a long-lasting material, but also because it is not permeable, so you can expect problems when it will, say, rain. Another thing is that in the summer time stones and pebbles will reflect the heat onto the plastic and it will become hard and would probably fall apart after a short time.



### Sorts of Stones and Pebbles.

There are not much stone decorations in Cyprus and also just a few sorts of stones and pebbles. However, lately, because of the high demand, their use in the garden started to increase.

Because there are not enough sea stones we usually use a brook pebble. Of course they are not as colourful as sea pebbles but they are the only natural pebbles available on the market.

Certainly you can beatify your garden

with the sea stones. The most used ones are cracked pebbles. Before, the colours of these were dark grey and/or white grey mixed. They were only two sorts. Now you can find white, cream, red, black and brown colours. When these colours are used, the beauty and significance of pebble decoration can be seen. I think that the stone decorations used in Italy and Turkey will soon be applied in Cyprus, although the houses here are mostly holiday homes. I meet people who still give a lot of importance to their gardens and homes, so I believe that stone decorations will be of better quality and more impressive! In my next months article I will talk about the laying of stones and the importance of flowers within decoration.