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Posted by: Matt
Date: 24-01-2011 23:25:46

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Posted by: chillitt
Date: 24-01-2011 23:43:35

Brick acid from Jewsons.

Posted by: Brummie
Date: 25-01-2011 00:13:03

Washing soda, SWIMBO uses it to get the mould and shit off the block paving. She sprinkles it over then wets it and scrubs it in with the yard broom, leaves it for a couple of days then washes it off with the hosepipe and broom. :D :D :D

Posted by: Matt
Date: 25-01-2011 00:14:37

Cheers chaps. :thumbs:

Posted by: JUDWAK
Date: 25-01-2011 11:39:37

asatone
were mask and googles
other than that iam doing nothing if ya want me to do it :/

Posted by: abecketts
Date: 25-01-2011 12:58:40

if you have an air compressor a fine jet of high pressure air should do the trick, plenty of dust though but it will be more controllable than a pressure washer

Could Yeti help blast it off? :whistle:

i'll get me coat

Posted by: Paul1566
Date: 25-01-2011 13:47:11

Just stick it in the boot of the surf and trundle off to the local car wash which has a pressure washer.....

Or wait till bob a job week and give the scroats some sand and a scrubbing brush.....

Posted by: Matt
Date: 27-01-2011 01:29:58

They're stuck outside with a coating of soda crystals on them at the moment, (went with Brummie's method first, with it being

slightly less aggressive than acid). I'll find out tomorrow how well a job that's done. Dawn's given in and said that I can stove black the stone, so it's not as imperative that I get them absolutely sparkling now.


Gonna be nicking the stone steps from the back of the house to make a surround too. :devilish:

Posted by: Brummie
Date: 27-01-2011 02:36:57

If my method doesn't work its because you did it. SWMBO always does the block paving and it works fine for her . It must be the woman's touch :whistle: :whistle: :whistle:

That's my excuse and I'm sticking to it. Brummie :D :D

Posted by: Matt
Date: 27-01-2011 02:42:06

 Brummie wrote:

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Is that the "touch" of them down on their hand and knees scrubbing with the hand brush for hours on end? :devilish:

Posted by: JUDWAK
Date: 27-01-2011 10:39:18

dont go rippig out ya own stone
get the siz you need and let me know if
you need dressed stone or stone cut to size :D

Posted by: Matt
Date: 27-01-2011 19:48:23

There's a certain sense of pride and achievement from becoming a Yorkshire version of a Blue Peter specialist though. :D Tightness and the make do and mend philosophy all rolled into one. It's fair bringing a tear of pride to my eye just thinking of it. :devilish: :D Besides, if I nick the steps she'll complain less when I rip that poxy greenhouse thing off the back of the house. :devilish:

Posted by: Matt
Date: 30-01-2011 12:33:48

Just going off on a tangent and considering possible alternatives before I permanently fix anything, anyone think a flint mosaic hearth might look any good? Just standard flint stones, not shaped.

Posted by: JUDWAK
Date: 30-01-2011 13:08:18

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Posted by: Matt
Date: 31-01-2011 13:35:08

 JUDWAK wrote:

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I thought it might look nice too, but Dawn seems to disagree with me on the idea. :D The stone hearth has gone out of the window, unless I alter the surround design, (or use this wood effect finish slate surround sat here), as it's not wide enough.

How large are the fossils? Fairly small, as in palm size or less or thereabouts? Hadn't thought of something like that, but now you mention it, I think a few interspersed amongst the flints might look nice, so that will likely be a yes if I do go down the flint hearth route. :thumbs: Still have to go on the hunt for some flint yet to see whether I can find enough and also as to whether it will look like I'm expecting/imagining it will when they're mixed and set.

Posted by: JUDWAK
Date: 31-01-2011 16:53:17

i have all sorts of sizes and shapes finger nail size to football sized
you could set on out with every thing half cut
so when its set and turned right way up
you get the fossils set in a natural setting few shells crystles and stuff

what iam doing and i hate saying anything before hand too so your honerd

on the beach at sandsend they are tall white charlk rocks
tall thin pure white rocks

iam going to use them has the outer park of my fire
the half is going to be fossils and sliced charlk
all buffed up and yoct varnished on the half
the seround i'll be leaving ohh natural

its down to what you like and what your into

Posted by: Matt
Date: 31-01-2011 22:29:19

Sounds like we're both on the same wavelength regarding fireplaces, (and that really is a worrying thought :D).

Posted by: Matt
Date: 01-02-2011 18:38:28

Managed to find bugger all flint wise, but does anyone know what rock this is?



Apologies for the iffy quality pic.

Posted by: meooo
Date: 01-02-2011 23:37:08

Its grey stuff with shiny bits in it :)

Granite? perhaps?

Posted by: JUDWAK
Date: 02-02-2011 12:11:20

there both granet
your after flint
i'll spend a few hours to look were the closest is

it takes awhile has its not easy reading those geology maps for me yet

Posted by: JUDWAK
Date: 02-02-2011 12:29:31

i'll try not to sound too much of a boff
the closest i can see are on the east coast
unless you go looking among the ice flows of the dales
theres not much flint near the surface but in the last 2 ice ages flint has been carried adrifted onto lands it should not be
on
following ice flows is quite easy but dropping on a flint deposit is not the easy

i'll take a pic of what stones i have here iam unsure how much flint i have but your welcome to any bits you see

if you do need to go and get some flint i can leed you to it has i know were to go

dains dike to robin hoods bay is one of the best places for flint i can think of

let me know what you want to do
has this is a part of my project and i have been looking into this for years
if you want my help that is :D
not very often you do need help is it?

Posted by: JUDWAK
Date: 02-02-2011 14:43:35

ok
after a long rumage about and a long wait with photobucket
i got ya these if you want to use any they are yours
i can get more and it will give me a nice feeling knowing that you can learn your kids by using things like this

most are standard fossils
i'll piont out the ones that are know has rare or made by the hand of man

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thats an old peace of the sea bed with fossils in a jet wash will get then out

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the above peace is fossilised wood its not easy to find and quite rare

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the above is a knapping rock thats from dains dike the way it fits into your hand is unreal

[Image link](#)

the above is half mand speare heads from the same place has the knapping stone

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the above all fit together
the names i can not read or no chance of spelling them
<http://www.soton.ac.uk/~imw/jpg-Osmington>

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theres only a few flint peaces not many
but
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them peaces are quite rare its not just flint its a gem stone

[Image link](#)

natural iron peace not very many about

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thats quite big would be nice in a fish tank

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the above peace is a rare type of fossil that still looks like bone
i have not had chance to see what it is but i think it wold be fun to id it

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the is a type of coral

[Image link](#)

a round stone i picked this out of an old river bed on the east coast

[Image link](#)

the above is a stange rock thats some type of flint or granet to be honest i can not id it and its the olny one i have ever seen

well if you want any of them matt you know were i live mate

Posted by: JUDWAK

Date: 02-02-2011 14:47:39

i have this too

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its a type of rare rock whos name i can not spell

and if you need to fill in the gaps i have a bucket of shale with fossils in it

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i have loads of pebbles too

Posted by: flounderbout

Date: 03-02-2011 16:07:07

That 6th picture is of a seriously rare fossil. It's a fossilised Terry's Chocolate Orange slice. Belongs in a museum that... ;)

Posted by: Matt

Date: 03-02-2011 21:11:48

That's a nice collection you have there. I'll be giving you a shout when I finally decide on how I'm going to design this thing. Not oft it happens, but my mind goes a complete blank with this devil.

Posted by: Brummie

Date: 03-02-2011 21:39:09

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I'll not say a word :whistle: :whistle:

Brummie :devilish: :devilish: :devilish:

Posted by: Matt

Date: 03-02-2011 21:44:33

:D :D :D

Normally I have a fairly good minds eye, but there's something about thi hearth and surround that's bugging me big style. Just cannot visualise it for the life of me. I've actually laid the stone flags as a temporary measure so that I can get the fire fitted for the time being and the front room cleared up, rather than waiting for me to make something. I'll just have to wait until I see something totally unrelated one day and then it'll come to me in a flash, (that's what usually happens, anyhows :D).

Posted by: JUDWAK
Date: 04-02-2011 16:44:53

please do
iam happy to help
and its something iam doing in the project
it involes fire place design along with other furneture for then home and garden and pendants trinkets of a natural nature

Posted by: michelclarke234
Date: 20-02-2013 17:00:38

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Just not sure you will reply or not. But what exactly you did to clean that stone?

Posted by: meooo
Date: 20-02-2013 17:20:53

You seriously think Matt's gotten around to finishing this yet do you?

It's only been two years so far :D :D

Posted by: Matt
Date: 22-02-2013 15:29:38

 meooo wrote:

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It's only been two years so far :D :D

Chuff-bag. :D Never did get that stone cleaned of mold though. :whistle: Ended up with a couple of pieces, using the face side which had been to the soil, if I remember correctly. Much easier to clean up that way.

Posted by: Bio Hazard
Date: 22-02-2013 21:23:50

Bloody hell Matts emerged I though the hole had got him :lol:

Posted by: Matt
Date: 26-02-2013 13:10:39

You can't get shut of me that easily. :D