Home and commercial builders have used Austin Limestone extensively since the early pioneering settlers arrived in Central Texas. It remains the building material of choice and has become very popular for those who are looking for the rugged, solid Hill Country motif or the charm of English Tudor and Country French throughout the nation.

Although The Detering Company has selected quarries from the heart of the Austin formation to supply our building stone, the stone will vary in color and texture. This variance is characteristic in products of nature and is not to be considered a defect; it is part of the inherent beauty of stone.

**DEFINITIONS / USES**

**BUILDERS:** Irregular shaped stones usually 3"-5" thick used for walls. May be laid flat or on edge.

**4" CHOP:** Stone chopped into brick-shaped pieces usually 3"-5" high and wide with lengths from 6"-18". Used for walls, fireplaces and borders.

**COPING:** Stone slabs usually 1 1/2 - 2" thick, cut to specific widths (usually 12") and various lengths. Used for pools, step treads and mantles.

**DECORATIVE VENEER:** Classic stone for walls, fireplaces and other decorative features.

**DRYSTACK:** Stone usually 3"-6" thick and 6"-8" wide of varying lengths. Usually two flat sides to be easily stacked without mortar. Ideal for retaining walls.

**FLAGSTONE:** Irregular flat stone generally used for patios, walkways and flooring.

**Wafer:** 1/2" and under

**Thin:** 1" - 1 1/2

**Thick:** 2" and over

**LEDGESTONE:** Stone ranging from 2"-8" high (depending upon stone), approximately 4" wide of varying lengths. Usually two flat sides for easy stacking. Used for walls, fireplaces, borders, etc.

**ESTIMATED COVERAGE**

**BUILDING STONE:** 15-18 sq. ft. per ton flat stack 40-45 sq. ft. per ton veneer

**DRYSTACK:** 18-20 sq. ft. per ton

**DECORATIVE VENEER:** Coverage will vary depending on thickness, density and technique used. Please call for figure applying to particular stone.

**FLAGSTONE:** 60-100 sq. ft. per ton, depending on thickness and density.

**LEDGESTONE/CHOPPED:** 34-40 sq. ft. per ton

_The Detering Company stocks the “chop” shaped stones but has access to all patterns._

After you select your stone, DON’T cut corners on the most important part of the job, the STONE MASON. A stonemason is quite different than a bricklayer. Laying stone requires not only skill but artistic ability as well. Don’t be confused; hire the right person to do the job. This is stone and will last forever.

Visit our brick selection center for additional color selections and specifications.