



WILD FLOWERS BETWEEN FLAGSTONES

The stark newness of flagstones or brick paving can be readily made more established and natural in appearance by scattering seed of dwarf or creeping wildflowers over the surface of the area, then watering to wash the seed into the joints. A list of suitable species is below.

Aphanes arvensis	Parsly piert	good ferny foliage
Anagallis arvensis	Birdseye speedwell	blue and red flowers
Sherardia arvensis	Wild madder	pink stars
Sagina subulata	Pearlwort	white stars
Galium verum	Lady's bedstraw	yellow flowers
Cymbalaria muralis	Ivy leaved toadflax	yellow and blue flowers
Legousia arvensis	Venus's looking glass	blue flowers on upright stem
Sanguisorba minor	Salad burnet	leaves taste of cucumber
Viola tricolour	Wild pansy	small yellow and blue pansies
Dianthus deltoides	Cheddar pink	red flowered miniature carnation
Spergularia rubra	Sand spurrey	pink stars
Cochlearia danica	Scurvy grass	very early white stars

Many of these species are annuals with profuse seed production but are not likely to pose a threat to other parts of the garden because their dwarf growth makes them poor competitors with cultivated plants in more fertile parts of the garden.

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