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# Finishing Options

Ending, Stepping Down and Topping off Allan Block Walls

Options for finishing off your wall project.

## **Step Downs**

Gracefully end the wall using AB Corners, or AB Lite Stone or Barcelona and AB Capstones.

## **Turn-Ins**

Curve the ends of the wall back in for a smooth flowing look.



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# Stepping Down

## AB Offers many options for ending walls

One of the unique benefits that sets Allan Block apart from other retaining wall systems is a great variety of options for ending and stepping down walls. With Allan Block, you can turn wall ends into the hillside with smooth flowing curves, corners or right angles. Wall step downs can be achieved in a variety of ways. No other retaining wall system gives you as many choices for finishing off your wall project.



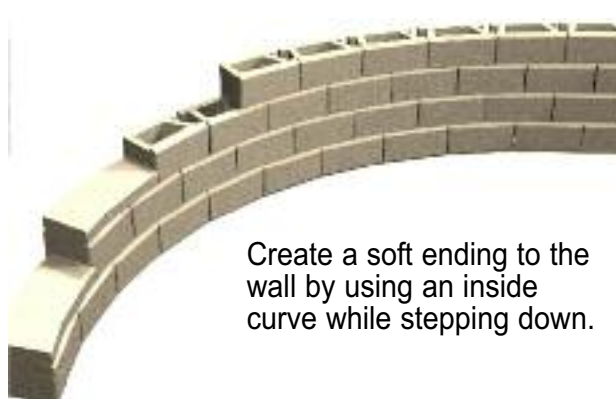
For a gradual step-down, use half-high blocks either the AB Lite Stone or Barcelona.



For a full course step-down, use the AB Corner block.



For a step-down that doubles as a planter, turn the wall in 2 or 3 blocks after the AB Corner block.



### Tip:

Walls with ends that turn back into the hillside help prevent erosion behind the wall.

Create a soft ending to the wall by using an inside curve while stepping down.



# Turn-Ins

## Building turn-ins without using corner blocks

The simplest and easiest method of ending an Allan Block wall is to use smooth flowing curves that turn back into the hillside.

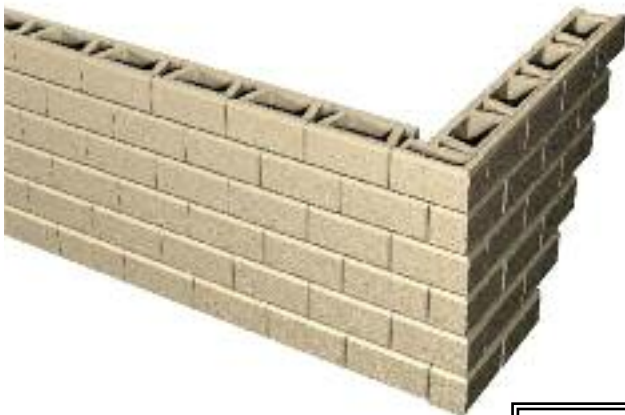
For a graceful, flowing end to the wall, curve the wall to create a plantable area that can soften the look of the wall.



For a natural flow into the landscape curve the wall back into the hillside.



For a dramatic end to the wall, use the AB Corner block to turn the wall back into the hillside.



**Tip:** The benefits of curving the wall back into the hillside include:

- less time & expense to build
- no corner blocks
- superior erosion control
- attractive design



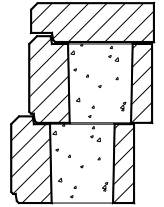
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# Topping Off



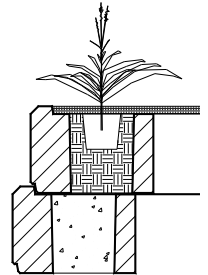
## AB Capstones

A finishing touch that defines and complements the appearance and function of your landscape walls.



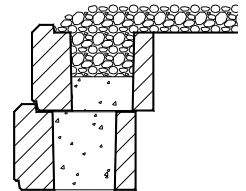
## Planting in the hollow cores

Creeping vines or colorful flowers, planting in the hollow core is a unique finishing option that accentuates the garden.



## Using decorative rock or mulch

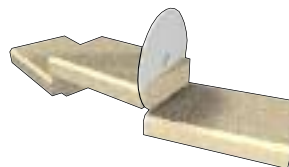
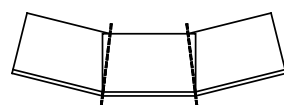
Allan Block's front lip is a built-in edging for ground cover. A natural look, low maintenance and optimized costs are benefits of this unique finishing option.



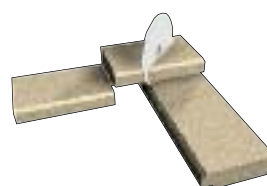
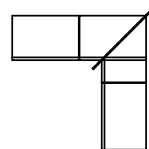
## Cutting Caps

Cut caps as necessary for a smooth, continuous fit. Lay out the caps on the wall and make cuts as necessary for good fit. Secure in place with an exterior construction adhesive.

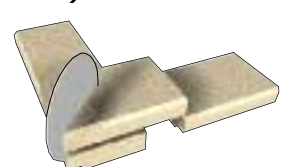
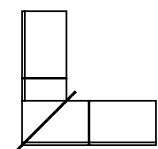
Curved Walls



Inside Corners



Outside Corners



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