



Crystal Lake Patio and Deck

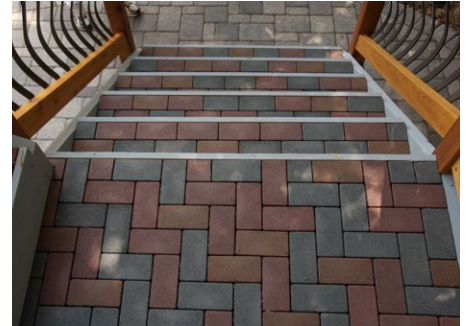
Location:
Crystal Lake Home
Burnsville, MN

Contractor:
Autumn Builders
Lakeville, MN

Project:
Residential Patio
and Deck

Solution:
VAST Composite
Pavers

Completed:
2009



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Homeowner Decides to Increase the Scope of the Project (and the Budget) by 350 Percent Because of the Beauty of VAST Composite Pavers

Chuck Jones from Autumn Builders in Lakeville, Minn. had done several projects at the luxury home on Lake Crystal in Burnsville, Minn. Little did he know that the homeowner's latest project, replacing a small deck, would turn into major endeavor. But that's what happened in the summer of 2009.

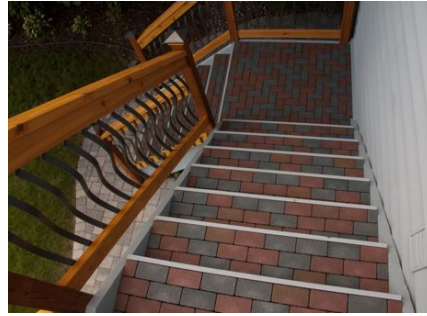
The home includes a 14x14 square-foot deck located on top of a four-season porch. Originally constructed in wood, the deck had a pronounced low spot. "After it rained, the deck stayed wet with a puddle in the middle, sometimes for weeks at a time," said Jones. The homeowner, asked Jones to replace the deck.

The main requirements were durability and a design that would dissipate water and keep the roof of the porch dry.

Jones initially planned on using composite decking. When he stopped by his local [ProBuild Center](#), he found an interesting alternative: VAST Composite Pavers from VAST Enterprises.

"When I saw the VAST pavers, I thought it would be a good solution and the paver style a visually appealing alternative to composite decking," Jones said. "That VAST is green was a bonus."

"Architects and contractors asked if we would apply our composite material technology and adapt our



“VAST Composite Pavers are one-third the weight of concrete pavers. That makes them a good choice for rooftop applications. VAST pavers are stain- and impact-resistant and UV-treated to minimize fading. They don’t absorb water and withstand freeze-thaw cycles. They are so durable I can offer my residential clients a lifetime guarantee against cracking. That’s a big plus.”

-Chuck Jones, Autumn Builders

landscape pavers to solve the maintenance and replacement problems of wood and composite decking,” said Andy Vander Woude, Chief Executive Officer, VAST Enterprises, LLC. *“We developed a lower profile version of our landscape paver that can be installed right over the top of old decks.”*

The finished project, especially with the new railings installed, is unique.

And the homeowner? She could not be more pleased.

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VAST applies its patented technology to transform recycled materials into a new resource for green building: composite masonry. VAST composite products — including landscape pavers, permeable pavers for stormwater management, deck pavers and thin brick — offer an engineered alternative to molded concrete and clay brick. Award-winning VAST pavers are cradle-to-cradle green and deliver rich colors, superior slip resistance and unbeatable strength at one-third the weight of concrete pavers.

Made from 95 Percent Recycled Materials

By using VAST Composite Pavers, this installation kept old tires and plastic containers out of U.S. landfills. VAST Composite Pavers are cradle-to-cradle green and can contribute to qualification for more LEED® credits than any other paver.



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VAST’s inventive and patented grid system makes it faster for professional contractors to install the pavers. When the pavers are inserted into the grid, they are automatically spaced and aligned. *“The grids make projects go faster,”* said Jones. *“I can factor in the time savings when I bid jobs.”*

Jones created a distinctive herringbone pattern using three VAST colors: Village, Waterwheel and Boardwalk. *“Mixing the colors within an established pattern takes advantage of the product’s design versatility and enhances the look.”*

After seeing the results on the 14x14 deck, the homeowner was captivated with its appearance. She turned her attention down to the lakeshore. And then the decision was made to cover the stairs down to the lakeside dock and the cedar decking on the main terrace deck with VAST Composite Deck Pavers.