## **Get That Ballpark Look In Your Yard**

## Ever wish your lawn looked like the grass at a professional baseball stadium? Incorporating patterns and stripes into your grass is actually an achievable project.

There are special mowers on the market with full-width rollers and free-floating mower decks, allowing you to bring the magic of a baseball field to your back yard.

Just remember that no matter how intricate the pattern you create, the most important aspect of your lawn is its health. Consistent watering and some environmentally friendly care products will keep you grass green and healthy.

### **PLAN OUT YOUR PATTERN** If you're considering adding grass

patterns, start by planning out your project. How do you want the grass patterns to look? Are you hoping to keep the design simple or would you like to try something more complex?

While drawing out your plots, add different shades of green to each segment of grass to visualize what the striping pattern will look like.

#### PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

Depending upon the complexity of your planned pattern, transferring your drawing to your yard may take a little trial and error.

You may have more success at first sticking with patterns comprised of straight lines or checkerboards. As you become more advanced in striping, you can opt for diamonds or circles. Use your imagination!

#### USING THE ROLLER

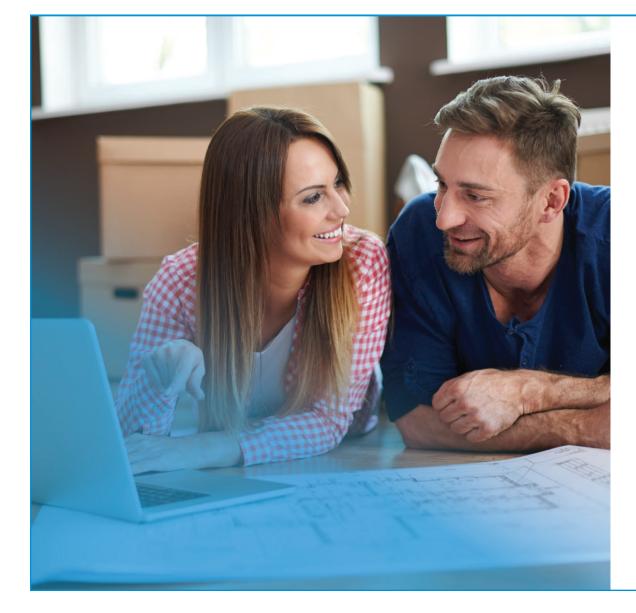
The roller is the part of the mower that actually makes the mowing patterns. Standard on many new models, the roller can be an add-on worth purchasing if you're looking to recreate your favorite ballpark's outfield. After mowing each line once – this is

sufficient as too many lines can harm the grass – drop down your mower's rollers to finish your patterns.

#### **SAFE LAWN TIPS**

Great-looking grass is only as good as its overall health. Luckily, there are some easy steps you can take to keep your grass in top condition.

Alternate the direction you mow your lawn every couple of weeks. This will improve overall grass quality and reduce wear and tear from tire marks.



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