

Build a Water Garden

Water gardens are a popular addition to home landscapes that create a unique focal point for any yard. They come in various sizes and shapes and once your water garden is built, the entire family can enjoy the new plant life and fish.

- Step 1: **Outline and remove sod.** Locate pond in a level area. Use rope to outline the perimeter of your pond. Remove and save any sod from the pond area.
- Step 2: **Excavate.** Dig the center to full depth and then slope sides. Create a shelf for plants around the perimeter of the pond with a PVC flexible liner.
- Step 3: **Level and smooth the area.** Remove all rocks and roots. Line the leveled horizontal surfaces with wet sand. Cushion the walls with polyester lining.
- Step 4: **Install liner.** Drop in hard-shell liner and weight the edges with large stones. Backfill with sand between the shell and the earth. Smooth out large wrinkles in the fabric liner and trim off excess for a 4" to 6" overlap.
- Step 5: **Landscape the edge.** Landscape the perimeter with stones and plantings. Set paving stones in a bed of mortar. Set the stones on plant shelves and overlap; cover the overlap with gravel and mulch for plants or soil for sod.
- Step 6: **Plant and stock your pond.** Visit your local library for ideas on how to populate your pond with beautiful aquatic plants and fish. Also, select plants and greenery that prevent the water from becoming stagnant by keeping it properly oxygenated, fresh and clear.

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What you'll need:

- Rope
- PVC flexible liner
- Shovel and digging tools
- Level
- Sand
- Polyester lining
- Hard-shell liner
- Paving stones
- Mortar
- Gravel and mulch
- Aquatic plants, fish and greenery