

# POND CREATION



Any sized pond is a great benefit to wildlife and can be a feature for people to enjoy for a long time. This guide will tell you how to create a lined pond.

## Materials:

- Pond liner
- Sand
- Carpet / underlay
- Rocks

## Tools:

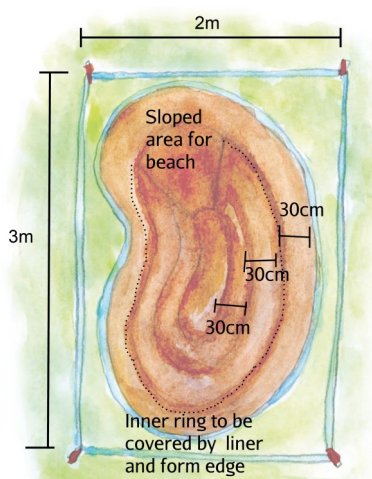
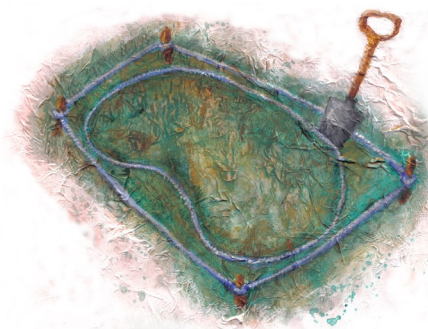
- Spades
- String
- Pegs
- Spirit level
- Stanley knife
- Gloves / safety boots

## Step 1: Choose a location

Select a spot for your pond with some sunlight, a little shade is fine but too many leaves can clog up the pond in autumn.

## Step 2: Create your pond shape

Adding curves to your pond will look better but also make it more attractive to wildlife. Use string or rope to mark out your pond shape.



## Step 3: Dig your pond

Dig out your pond remembering that gentle sloping edges are important for amphibians. 60cm depth is good for a garden pond, but shallow areas will be important for wildlife too.



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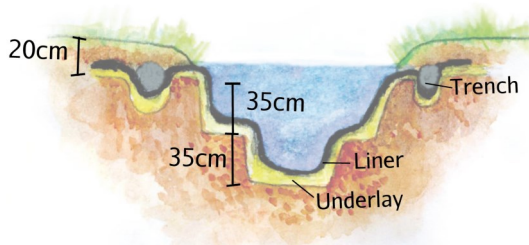
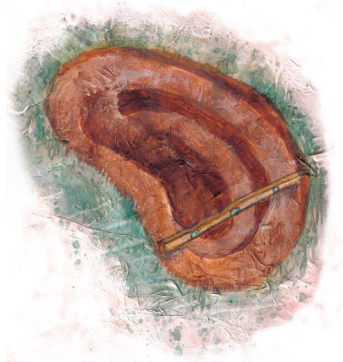
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## Step 4: Levelling your pond

Before you finish digging, ensure your pond edges are level. Use a spirit level with a flat length of wood or stringed pegs.

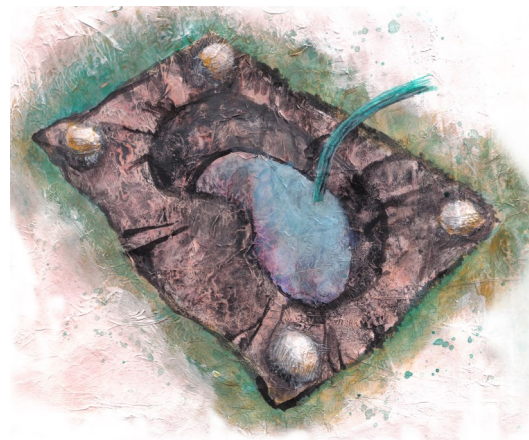


## Step 5: Protecting the liner

Remove any stones or roots from the pond base. Add a layer of sand and some old carpet or geotextile underlay to protect your liner.

## Step 6: Laying the liner

Lay out your liner on top of your underlay. The liner will stretch and move as water fills up so leave a little lee-way inside the pond. Fold and tuck any excess liner within the pond to neaten.



## Step 7: Liner edges

Dig a small trench around the pond to tuck your liner edges into and re-cover. Cut off any liner that extends beyond your trench.



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