**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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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 recover. Cut off any liner that extends beyond your trench.

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