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**Ponds And Gardens**

**By Daniel Roshard**

All gardening and gardeners know that there are a few things that can spice up their garden and upgrade their garden looks, some of these features are expensive and very hard to get, like complicated water fountains and iron structures and some are pretty easy to buy and install, this article talks about one thing that is not that easy to install but certainly will add a lot of class to your garden and upgrade you from a gardener to a landscape expert.

A garden pond is the things these days, it is relatively easy to understand and not complicated to maintain throughout the year, and owning a pond holds in it wonderful possibilities and prospects, for some gardeners to have a pond in their own backyard is a rare opportunity to further exploring the power of their gardens, to others it is beginning of a love affair with nature as they start to grow their ponds into living habitats for fishes and plants.

The real purpose of a pond, some say, is to present a living environment by itself, regardless of the garden in which it is placed, because a successful pond will have its own plants and fish in it and even birds that will visit it during the different seasons. This is the reason that so many of the garden lovers that try and place a pond in their garden discover that they are quickly amazed and interested in a whole different thing then gardening, learning about fish and algae and water plants.

The other more natural benefit for gardeners and home owners is that a pond will completely change the way the garden looks, it is one of the best ways to making a garden look younger and fresh and maybe even add some basic design changes to the landscape as a whole. Some gardens and landscape designers use a pond as the central place in the garden and investing in all the area adjacent to the pond, the other sides of the garden remain very basic and uniform, as a silent background to the pond and the main attraction. A garden pond can also be used as a side feature, setting a corner in the garden for relaxing or reading, maybe even add a garden bench or some other kind of garden furniture by the pond, set a few high bushes or existing trees to set this part of the garden apart of all other parts and you will have a magnificent and private sitting corner in your own garden.

There is much more to be said about the garden ponds, its almost endless possibilities of fish and plants, its contribution to any garden and the peace and serenity it brings with it. If you are interested in getting your own garden pond you should start looking for the real thing, try and find out what kinds of ponds you like and only after you have seen a few start researching for price and possibilities, simply because you can sometimes change one pond to fit a different idea you do not have to commit to a certain type right away.

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### **Easy ways to build home ponds**

#### **By Dave Wills**

Having a pond in the backyard will definitely be an eye catching sight for everyone. The sound of water, beautiful fishes and exotic plants all makes your mind cool and relaxed besides feeling fresh. So if you think you can feel fresh, relaxed and cool by making your backyard beautiful, now is the best time to start it.

Having a pond in your backyard is not a tough job. It can be easily done with some proper planning and implementation. This article deals with various techniques and strategies that you can make use of while building a backyard pond.

#### Finding the best suited pond

Before starting pond building the first question you have to solve is in relation to the type of pond that you want to build. Solving this question will help to find answers for where to locate the pond, what features to include, how much depth and width to keep etc.

Generally home ponds are of the following kinds

- 1.) Basic ponds
- 2.) Water gardens
- 3.) Koi ponds
- 4.) Wildlife ponds

#### Basic ponds

These are ponds that have been built to include basic water features. Such ponds may not have any

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exotic pond plants or pond life. These kinds of ponds are easy to build and the calculations involved in building is also less.

### Water gardens

Water gardens are ponds having water falls, pond plants and pond life like exotic fishes. The depth of these ponds should be at least 2–3 feet with a view to keep the fishes and the water plants healthy. This kind of ponds can be located in open spaces away from deciduous trees so that the maintenance can be reduced.

### Koi ponds

Koi ponds are ponds that are specially designed to keep koi. The water capacity of these ponds depends upon the number of koi fishes that you are planning to introduce. It is advisable to locate koi ponds in shady area away from direct sunlight.

### Wildlife ponds

These are ponds specially designed for keeping wildlife. Such ponds include frog, turtles etc apart from fishes and pond plants. The specifications for this pond are similar to that of water garden.

### Techniques to be followed while building ponds

In simple words any one of the undrementioned techniques can be used to your pond. The first two techniques can be managed by yourselves while you have to opt for professional labor if you have to go for the third one.

### Making use of a flexible pond liner

The use of proper pond liner is highly appreciated, especially you are a biginer. This process includes finding out a best suited spot for the pond in your backyard. Even you can make use of garden hose or clack to mark the spot and at last measurements have to be taken for buying the flexible liner. You can have the liner from any shop dealing with pond products making sure that they deal with high quality products.

If you have got a shovel, you can start digging the marked spot. The depth of the dig depends on the type of pond that you are planning to make. After that the liner has to be placed into the excavated part and the edges are to be covered with decorative stones. The next step is to fill the water by garden hose. Pond filters can be introduced with a view to keep the pond water neat and clean.

### Proper use of performed garden ponds

In order to make things simpler you can make use of preformed garden ponds that are available in the market in a variety of shapes and sizes. You can get them ready made and make use of them as wished by you. If you are interested in a below ground pond, then you have to start the digging process

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as mentioned and lay the performed pond. In this case with a view to help it settle down well water can be introduced into the pond at the time of laying. At that time you have to make sure that no dirt is inside the pond to prevent damage.

### Proper use of concrete

If you are planning to make use of concrete, it's better to take professional help, because the process involved. After the concrete pond is ready, first fill it with water and wash it to remove all the chemicals. You have to repeat this for two weeks if you are planning to introduce exotic fishes and plants.

By properly following the above mentioned techniques it is possible to make your back yard colorful and attractive. Cool Pondscaping

abcponds.com is a site specially dedicated to information regarding pond building

. It provides valuable

ideas in relation to ponding resources and design tips.

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