

Ready to build a garden Pond?



How to install your new PVC Pond Liner

We're assuming that you've already planned your project. You know where you want to put the pond, and you've got the right size liner for the job. So how do you install it?

Step 1. Wash the liner using a mild detergent like liquid 'Softly', then rinse well. (This removes any excess oils, and helps your pond achieve a neutral PH faster).

Step 2. If you haven't already done it, finalise the position of the pond, and mark it out.

If you're going for curves, a garden hose is great tool for getting neat, rounded sides and edges. Dig the pond out, taking care to keep the top level. It is

important to remove all roots, stones and weeds that may damage the liner.

The pond will need to be at least 30cm deep in order to sustain plant life.

We recommend adding a good sand base or geotextile under the liner, to help stop weed damage down the track.

Step 3. Drape the liner into the hole, leaving an overlap 'flap' of around 20cm around the edge. You will need to temporarily anchor the edges with rocks or bricks – once it is secure, you can start filling it with water.

Step 4. As the pond is filling, you can ease the anchors off the edges, and adjust the liner to remove creases to achieve a neat finish. You may need to stretch it in

some places, and gather creases together to make one or two larger ones.

Depending on the shape of the pond, you should be able to get rid of most creases, and plants can cover any that remain.

Step 5. Once the pond is full, secure the remaining 'flap' by digging a shallow trench around the pond, and burying it.

Step 6. To finish the pond, use slate, rocks or stone paving around the edge. If using rocks, it is a good idea to use river pebbles or mortar to fill any gaps, so that the edge of the liner is completely covered. Ensure your PH is suitable before adding fish.

