

BUILDING A POND IN YOUR AVAIRY

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1. Pick a site close to an electrical outlet. Most pumps have four to twelve feet of cord. Use a ground fault circuit interrupter, especially if you need to use an extension cord.
2. Figure out the size of the pond. I made mine 4 feet by 5 feet.
3. Dig a hole big enough for the pump and a bucket with filter material to fit in it, about 16 inches deep and 18 inches wide.
4. Pile the dirt from the hole you dug on either side of the site to hold water in for the stream. At the top of the stream dig a small hole so that the water fills and splashes before it goes down the stream and into the bigger hole.
5. Place a square made of 2 by 4's on the ground, this will hold the pond liner.
6. Put the liner in the square and add water and make sure that the pond liner lays flat on the dirt. Put the pump in the big hole and put the hose on the pump and place the other end at the top of the stream bed.
7. Plug the pump in and let water flow down the stream. When you are happy with the way that the water is flowing, staple the liner to the 2 by 4's.
8. Add various sizes of river rock to cover liner. I used pea gravel in the stream.
9. Cover area where pump is, with wire so that small birds don't drown and attach hose to a brick or some type of device to hold the hose.