

Setting Up A New Aquarium

A Step By Step Guide

- Choose an appropriate-sized tank and sturdy aquarium stand. Allow 1 gallon per inch of adult fish.
- Select the proper filtration system (power filter, canister filter, etc) rated for your tank size.
- Purchase a quality adjustable submersible heater and thermometer. Heat water to 75-82°F.
- Obtain decorations, substrates, and live plants if you are building a planted tank.
- Thoroughly wash the tank with a damp cloth, equipment, gravel, and decor with water only—no soap.
- Add the substrate like gravel or sand sloped higher in the back. Place decor, plants, hides, wood, etc in the tank.
- Install filter and heater per instructions. Position near water flow.
- Fill the aquarium with dechlorinated tap water. Use the water conditioner as directed.
- Allow your tank to cycle for 4-8 weeks, testing water parameters weekly.
- Slowly introduce a few hardy fish once levels stabilize, then add more fish gradually.
- Monitor pH, ammonia, nitrites, and nitrates using test kits.

Enjoy Your New Fish Tank!

