

Lovers of aquatic plants will appreciate this peaceful garden pool. Though making and maintaining a pool is more complex than tending a flowerbed, today's products and resources make owning one feasible and fun.

Lilies and lotuses thrive in direct sunlight while other water plants tolerate more shade. Things you should consider when planning your pool: to avoid organic matter decay, situate the pool away from deciduous trees and shrubs. Choose a level or raised site close to a spigot for easy filling and re-filling of the pool. The water need not be more than 16 to 24 inches deep.

When constructing the pool, follow step-by-step directions in a water-garden book or catalog. This can be a big job, so remember to recruit some helpers.