

Building Pool Checklist

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- Location of the Pool
 - Put the pool in a place which is easily accessible to diggers and concrete mixers.
 - Choose a flat spot without stones.
 - Avoid places where leaves can easily fall in.
 - Check the water level before you dig the hole.
- Choosing a Pool
 - Ask for planning permission.
 - Decide on the pool you want.
 - If you want to use the pool for the summer, decide by the end of February where you will buy it from.
 - Allow a month for delivery.
- Building a Pool
 - Dig the hole big enough, don't dig it too large.
 - Carefully measure the depth of the pool and make sure the bottom is flat.
 - Find someone who needs earth and will come and take it away for free.
 - Don't take it all away - you're bound to need some of it back later.
 - Make sure you get the list of parts and you know what's what before you start.
 - Take some polystyrene blocks, lay them out in the shape of your pool.
 - Stand the concrete panels in the blocks and fix them together with metal braces.
 - Cut the panels for the skimmer and for the various openings such as the water jets.
 - Put a row of polystyrene blocks on the top of the concrete panels.
 - Wrap lengths of iron rod around the base of the concrete columns and around the tops of them.
 - Lay the iron meshing on the bottom of the pool.
 - Concrete around the bottom of the panels, then concrete the floor.
 - Put plastic panels in grooves on the back of the concrete panels, to create perpendicular pockets behind the place where the panels meet.

- Once the concrete is dry you can cut out and install the skimmers.
- Attach all the pipes.
- Fill up the cracks between the concrete panels with filler.
- Make sure that the whole pool (walls and floor) are clean and smooth before applying the revetement.
- Apply one coat of revetement, then cover it with something that looks like fabric, then repaint over the top of this.
- Allow a week for it to dry before filling up the pool.
- Set up the pump, the filter and figure out which pipe goes where.
- Set up the electricity box and get an electrician to do the necessary wiring.
- Landscaping a Pool
 - Decide what you're going to put around the pool.
 - Avoid using the ugly concrete slabs; Use concrete slabs which resemble real stone instead.