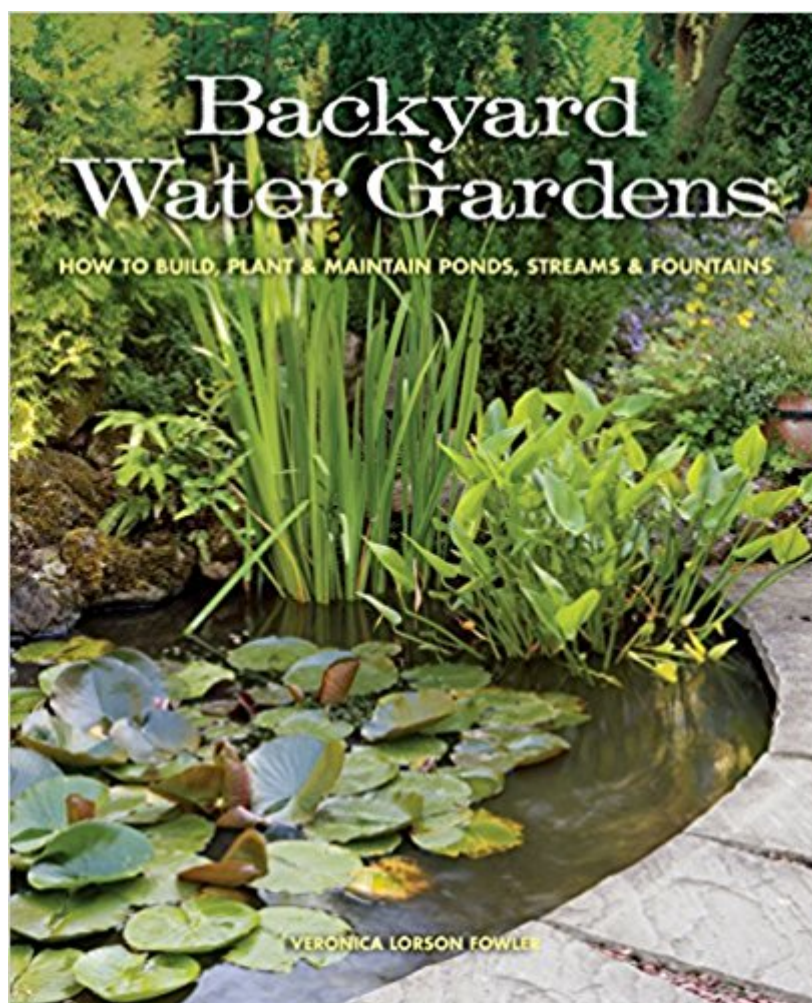


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# Backyard Water Gardens: How To Build, Plant & Maintain Ponds, Streams & Fountains



## Synopsis

Veronica Fowler's comprehensive step-by-step manual shows you not only how to install your water garden, but maintain it entirely on your own. Backyard Water Gardens teaches you how to install liners, pre-formed shapes, containers, and aboveground pools and fountains. From there, it helps you choose plants, add them to your garden, fertilize, prune, divide, and ward off pests and diseases. But Fowler's book goes far beyond the basics, covering all the maintenance and troubleshooting of water feature hardscapes—from a rip in a liner, to a damaged pool, to maintaining equipment and filters (including seasonal maintenance for winter care). Veronica Fowler's Backyard Water Gardens allows you to fully enjoy the convenience and versatility of water gardening, all while maintaining it with ease for years to come. Backyard Water Gardens is truly an all-inclusive manual, encompassing every style, type, and size of water feature imaginable. No matter the feel you wish to convey in your garden—casual, formal, or whimsical—Fowler's book enables you to create it with confidence. Your range of hardscape options is incredibly vast, from small, container-sized fountains that complement any space with added sound and movement, to large in-ground or aboveground ponds and streams. Larger installations not only provide soothing, rejuvenating sights and sounds; they can also house fish and plants and passively attract natural wildlife to your backyard.

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Backyard Water Gardens: How to Build, Plant & Maintain Ponds, Streams & FountainsÂ It's Not Just a Pond "It's a Lifestyle" A backyard water feature is a feast for your senses! It surrounds you with sights, sounds, colors, and a constant source of movement that will never fail to inspire you. Both soothing and invigorating, water features come in every size, from simple bubblers for patio-sized gardens to more elaborate streams and waterfalls. You can create a water garden "without spending a fortune or all summer doing it "and maintain it yourself. Water gardens offer as much color and variety as "terrestrial" gardens but with no weeding, no mulching, no pruning "and no watering. It sure beats mowing!Â Backyard Water Gardens answers your questions about designing, building, maintaining, planting, and even stocking fish. This is the place to get your feet wet on the road to successful water gardening. Inside you'll find plenty of how-to and step-by-step photos, plus tips for:- avoiding common mistakes- properly siting and sizing your water feature (how big is too big?)- keeping up on basic year-round maintenance- choosing the right kind of equipment- selecting plants and fishÂ It's not just a pond; it's a lifestyle. Join in the fun today.

Veronica Fowler (Des Moines, IA) is an enthusiastic backyard water gardening expert and professional writer. She was an editor at Meredith Publishing, wrote for the Des Moines Register, and is co-founder and writer of The Iowa Gardener e-newsletter.

We "inherited" a backyard water garden/pond and had no idea how to care for it. I bought this book for my husband and am so glad I did! The photos are beautiful and the advice has been extremely helpful. We've cleaned the water garden/pond, introduced additives to the water as suggested in the book, added beautiful plants, and recently moved some large goldfish-type fish in too. We've learned so much from this book. I highly recommend it.

Beautiful and great photos

Great book to help you select the right kind of plants for your pond.

Very informative, good product information and instruction for building any size and any type of water garden. I have other books but this one is the best. It has product and illustrations for many types of water features, with and without fish.

Lots of useful information to build my own pond garden

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