

1. (3) floats



3. (3) fasteners



5. (4) grow baskets



2. (3) spacers



**Need  
Spacer  
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4. (4) bags of ceramsite



## **WARNING:**

**NEVER USE CHEMICALS OR WATER TREATMENTS IN YOUR POND WITH AQUAPONICS GROW KIT.  
NEVER USE FISH MEDICATION OR YOUR VEGETABLES WILL NOT BE EDIBLE.  
NEVER USE INSECTICIDES OR PESTICIDES AROUND YOUR POND. EVEN SMALL AMOUNTS OF CHEMICAL  
SPRAY CAN KILL FISH AND YOUR VEGETABLES WILL NOT BE EDIBLE.**

## **Getting Started:**

Grow herbs, vegetables and flowering plants using your new aquaponics grow kit. Your pond should be healthy and well established with a balance of fish and aquatic plants before introducing the grow kit. For new fish ponds, please allow 6 weeks for your pond to create a natural bio-filter cycle before introducing the grow kit. Purchase plant seeds using our recommendations for beginners.

## **Best Plants for Beginners:**

Any leafy lettuce, arugula, pak choi, kale, spinach, swiss chard, basil, mint, chives, watercress, parsley, lemongrass, sage, oregano. You can also add flowering plants into the mix like daisies, zinnias and marigolds.

## **Assembly:**

1. For smaller ponds (up to 7'x5'): Connect the floats together by lining up the holes on the float petals.



2. Attach the 3 floats together by pressing the black **fasteners** into the holes.



3. Wash and rinse the ceramsite and add equal amounts to each grow basket.



4. Add 3 to 4 seeds in each grow basket as not all seeds will germinate.

5. Spritz the surface of the ceramsite with pond water. Place the aquaponics grow kit on the surface of your pond.

**\*Be patient. You should begin to see sprouts in 4 to 6 weeks.**

Assembly:

**For medium (up to 10'x6') and large (up to 12'x9') ponds:** Connect the floats together by lining up the holes on the float petals.



2. Attach the 3 floats together by pressing the **spacers** into the holes. The spacers allow the floats to move more freely and adds space for larger leafy plants to grow.



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Refer to page 1 for steps 3, 4 and 5.

**Trouble Shooting:**

Questions	Answers
How should I remove algae without harming my vegetables?	Do not use chemical treatments
	Manually remove algae by using a new toilet brush
	Rinse off pond filters
	Wipe down algae covered surfaces like pond decorations and rocks
	Add a fountain to your pond to ensure you have adequate aeration
	Once your pond is clean add Beckett Barley Straw for natural filtration as part of your pond maintenance
Why is my water cloudy?	Do not overfeed your fish. Remove any surface debris, uneaten fish food and sludge from the bottom of the pond
	Add more water plants to aid in removing nitrates
Why are my vegetables not growing?	Nutrients could be too diluted if there aren't enough fish. You may need to add more fish to your pond with an adequate amount of water plants to create a balanced ecosystem. We suggest 1 fish per 5 to 10 gallons of water
	The weather was too hot or too cold. Seed packets usually advise when to sow and will vary by state.