

BEGINNER SERIES

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If you're interested in starting up your first fish tank, here are some great tips and products that I recommend to make it as easy as possible. Each of these products should allow a seamless and enjoyable experience when keeping a variety of fish!

All mentioned products are available at Aquarium Spare Parts. For more informative guides see Blake's Aquatics on YouTube.



Goldfish are the most popular aquarium fish in the world, and can also grow incredibly large!

1 Get a BIG tank!

To start, I recommend a **60L** tank for beginners. The larger the tank, the easier it is to maintain. Waste takes longer to **build up** in larger spaces which ultimately makes everything more forgiving for new timers.

Product Spotlight:
Fluval Flex 57L Aquarium Black



2 Nitrogen Cycle

Understanding the **nitrogen cycle** is a really important part of fishkeeping. It can be a complex and confusing system, but it is key to getting your tank up and running. **Bacteria** in your filter needs time to grow so that the tank can comfortably sustain life. Be **patient** at first and allow your tank to run for a period of time with small amounts of food, even without fish.



Product Spotlight:
Fluval Tropical Flakes 125g

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3 Pick your fish!

Once your tank is running and ready to go, consider the **type of fish** you want to keep. Bare in mind that heated and non-heated tanks can house different types of fish. **Unheated** tanks allow easy options such as goldfish, danios, white clouds, rice fish and paradise fish. Some great beginner options for **heated** tanks include tetras, platys, cherry shrimp, bristle nose plecos, bettas, gouramis, angel fish and rainbow fish.

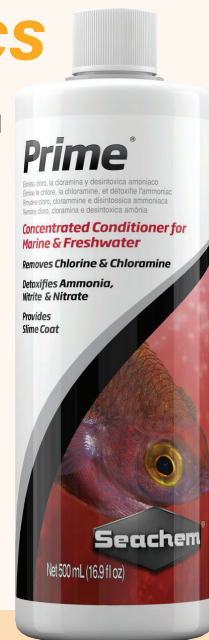
Product Spotlight:
Aqua One Heater 100W



4 Water basics

Take things slow, allow the tank to establish itself, and you should find it an extremely enjoyable **hobby**. You may read that certain fish require different pH values and other **water chemistry**, but in my experience, it is best to keep the water clean and consistent. In the early stages, clean dechlorinated **tap water** is perfectly fine. There are plenty of resources available online so be sure to research beforehand and never impulse buy fish without knowing their **compatibility** with others.

Product Spotlight:
Seachem Prime 500mL



Ask Blake!

Need some extra advice or help?

Send in your fishy questions directly to askblake@aquariumspareparts.com.au



I want all the fish!

Resist the desire to fill your tank with every **cool fish** you come across. If you get **bored** with the ones you have or want to add something different, most fish stores will **exchange** fish for store credit that can be used to purchase new ones. Keep in mind that the lower the **amount** of fish, the easier it will be to maintain.