

## STEP ONE:

### UNPACK AND CLEAN

Be sure to rinse all parts below



### ADDITIONAL COMPONENTS (don't rinse)



### OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES

**Submersible Water Heater.** Bettas are tropical fish and are happiest in water between 75° and 82° F. If your home runs on the cooler side, consider purchasing a small water heater.

**Tank Backings.** A combination of sunlight, nutrients, and water can result in algae growth. Covering the sides of your Tank that are exposed to sunlight is an easy way to keep algae at bay.

**Tank Decorations.** They will help create a fun home for your fish!

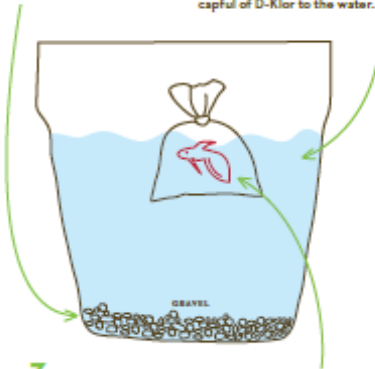
**Grow Light.** If you'd like to grow sun-loving herbs, like basil, but do not have a spot near a sunny window, a grow light is a great alternative.

Find recommended accessories at [backtotheroots.com/faq](http://backtotheroots.com/faq)

## STEP TWO:

### SET UP YOUR FISH'S HOME

- 1 THE TANK**  
After you've rinsed your Gravel, add to Tank along with any decorations.
- 2 THE WATER**  
Place Tank in its final home.\* Fill the Tank with room temperature water and add ~1/2 capful of D-Klor to the water.



### 3 THE FISH

Your fish needs time to adapt to the temperature of its new home. Place the bag or container you bought your fish in (with fish inside) directly into the water. After 15 minutes, gently release your fish into the water.

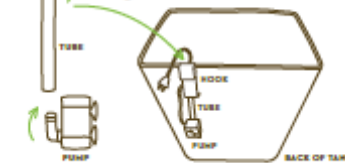
#### \* TANK PLACEMENT & ALGAE PREVENTION

Algae can form with direct sunlight and leftover nutrients. Sprouts, like wheatgrass and radish, grow well with indirect light and allow you to place your Water Garden away from direct sunlight. Herbs, however, require direct sunlight, which will increase the likelihood of algae. In this case, you can use a Tank Backing to block sunlight or by introducing algae-eaters like freshwater snails or an Otocinclus catfish.

## STEP THREE:

### PLANT YOUR GARDEN

- 1 YOUR PUMP**  
Attach one end of the Tube to the Pump elbow. Attach the other end to the barbed bottom of the Hook. Place the Hook on the lip of the Tank, and attach suction cups so the Tube is vertical between the Hook and the Pump. Thread the Pump cord through the notches in the Hook, and out of the Tank.



### 2 YOUR GROW BED & GROW PODS

After rinsing, place Water Sponge into waterfall slot. Make sure that the feeding hole in the Grow Pod lines up with the feeding hole in the Grow Bed. Fill Grow Pods evenly with rinsed Growstones, and pour the entire Zym-Sac™ bottle evenly over all Growstones. Place the Grow Bed into the Tank as shown.

### 3 PLANT YOUR SEEDS

To get started, plant 1 tap of included seeds in each Grow Pod (refer to seed packets for full instructions). You can grow many plants in the Water Garden, but be sure to always have one Grow Pod seeded with fast-growing wheatgrass or sprouts until the roots from other plants extend outside their Grow Pod and can better filter the water.

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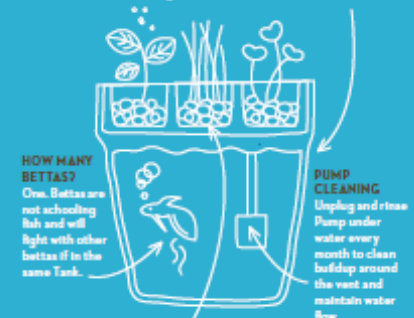
### ONGOING CARE

#### FEEDING

Feed your betta 4-5 pellets per day through feeding hole. Drop the pellets gradually into the water so your betta has enough time to see the food before it drops to the bottom of the Tank. Avoid overfeeding.

#### ADDING WATER

Keep water level within 1" of the bottom of the Grow Bed. Always add 1 tap of Natural Dechlorinator to tap water before pouring into Tank.



#### HOW MANY BETTAS?

One. Bettas are not schooling fish and will fight with other bettas if in the same Tank.

**PUMP CLEANING**  
Unplug and rinse Pump under water every month to clean buildup around the vent and maintain water flow.

#### RINSING GROWSTONES

Occasional rinsing of Growstones is necessary. Growstones also contain beneficial bacteria, so only rinse the Growstones from one Grow Pod in any given week. This allows your beneficial bacteria to repopulate inside the Growstones after each rinse, and will help your plants continue to filter the water and absorb nutrients.

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