

## Pondering a Backyard Pond?

What could be more relaxing than listening to water gush down a waterfall or a babbling brook? Unfortunately, few homeowners have the opportunity to experience such a peaceful sound, as few properties are blessed with a natural water feature. But there's an easy way to create a peaceful water garden: just put in an artificial pond.

The great thing about these ponds is that they don't require acres of land. Even tiny urban lots can accommodate them; all you need is a few square feet to spare. To choose the right location, take the overall layout of the yard into account and be sure there is ample room for children to play.



A pond is very easy to install and adds a dash of magic to your landscape.

Next, hop on over to your local garden centre where you'll find several models of ready-to-install pre-formed pools and all the accessories you'll need.

One of the most popular pond accessories is a pump to create a fountain. A filter (submersible or exterior) will keep the water clean and clear—a crucial factor if you plan to stock

fish. By the same token, a stabilizer should be used to keep the water clear of algae. Throw in an appropriate lighting system and you'll have a magical atmosphere.

There are many ways of installing a pond—you can rest the container on the ground and build a stone wall around it, or set it into the soil and surround it with flowers. Whether you're looking to create that Zen feeling or just want to recapture the woodland stream of your youth, a pond is easy to install and will provide years of pleasure.



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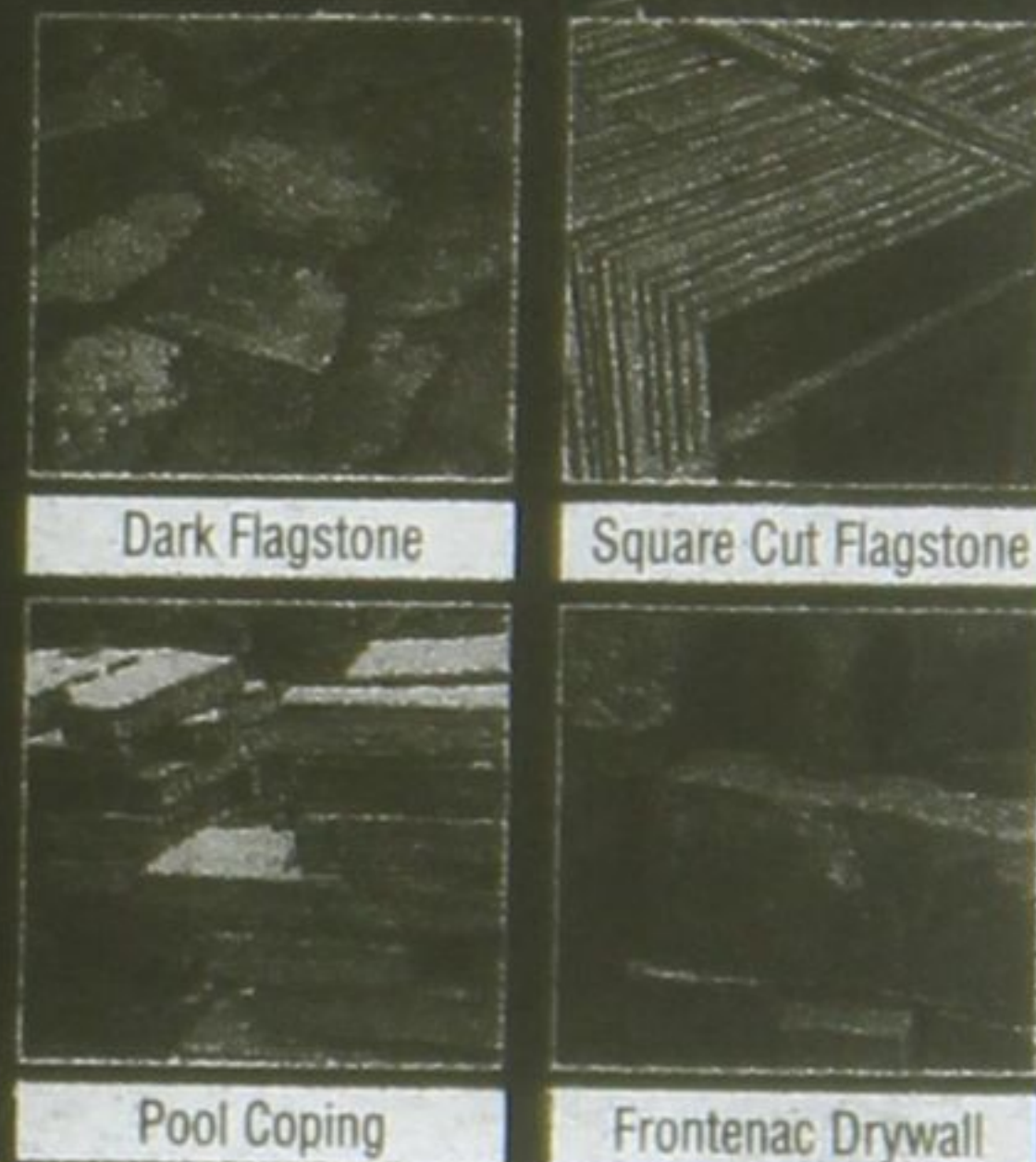
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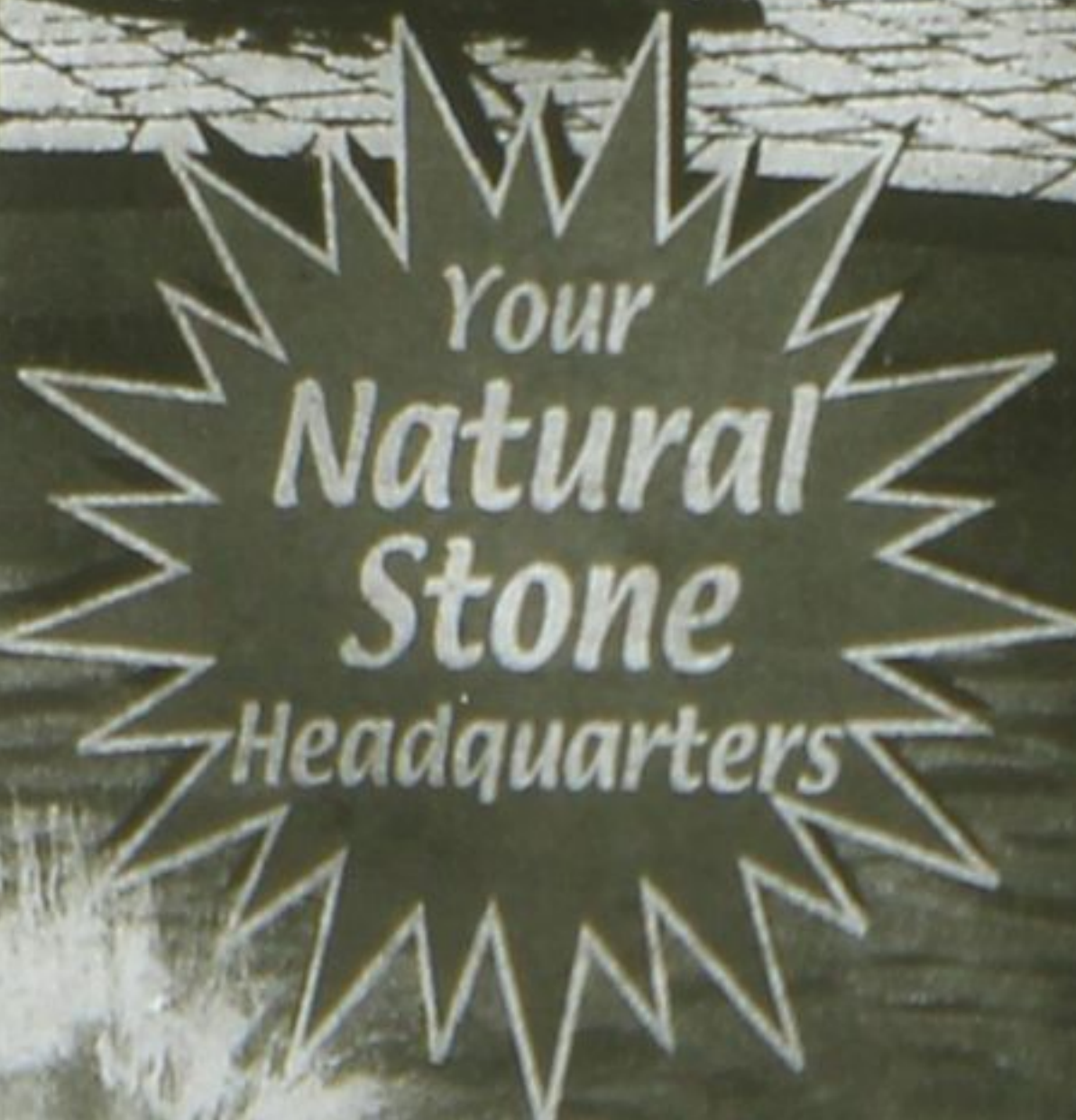
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