



Building Aquariums

Problem: Overflowing with Aquatic Plushies

Solution: Build yourself an Aquarium

There are dozens of quests and special in-game events that award aquatic plushies (stationary pets). Everfrost and Sinking Sands immediately come to mind, as does the varied quests in the monthly [Moonlight Enchantments](#) event. If you're short on items search [Everseek.com](#) to see what's available and where to get it.

Supply List

This guide will build a bare-bones basic aquarium that anyone can build and stock. The only character requirement is obtaining 190 fishing so you can complete three [quests in Everfrost](#) which will yield your first two fish.

- **[Vampiric Mirrors](#)** – Used as the tank walls. A freestanding tank will require 4. Ideally 3 Vampiric and 1 Wispy Vampiric.
- **Matching Top and Base** – A top for the tank is required but the base is optional depending on where you situate the aquarium. Best option would be rectangular to match the shape of Vampiric Mirrors.
- **Sand Tile** – Sand tiles available from the City Festival vendors are the best choice. Substitute with a grainy carpet (Straw Mat is an option) if necessary.
- **Bubble Effect** – Frostfell Snowdrift is preferred but hard to come by. Boiling Pots will work.

- **Plants** – Hanging Plants, Desert Poppies and Shrubs are commonly used.
- **Adornments** – Coral, reefs, rocks, chests, etc. add a nice touch
- **Fish** – Visit Everfrost and speak to the NPC with the fishing pole to start a quest chain that rewards 2 different fish.
- **Room Divider** – Used as a mounting tool for the mirrors
- **LOTS OF PATIENCE** – If you don't have any, building aquariums isn't for you.

How to Build a Basic Aquarium

1. Begin by forming your base. Tables, counters and chests work well.
2. When the base is in place, use a wall divider to position three sides of the tank – Vampiric Mirrors (solid glass). Read [DIY Issue #1](#) to learn about using dividers as mounting tools. Leave one side open so that you can place items inside OR use a Wispy Vampiric Mirror for the front (penetrable).



3. Bubbles, lighting and plant accessories are typically positioned slightly below what will become the sandy bottom. It's a smoke-n-mirror way of using items for effect while hiding their true nature.



4. Take your time designing the tank's interior. Taking the mirrors off to tweak things can be tedious. Add as much visual appeal and "life" to the scene as possible. Read [DIY #1](#) and [#2](#) to learn how to size and position items using Shift + Scroll and Ctrl + Scroll.



5. Place whatever will serve as the bottom of your tank last or at least after you've positioned your bubble and lighting affects below the surface.



6. Use a room divider to put the front mirror / wall in place. A free standing aquarium will also need a top which goes on last.



Voila, you've created your first aquarium!

This was a basic guide for players who don't have many items to use for building a larger more advanced aquarium. When you've been around longer and have had time to do the in-game events and regular quests that reward a wider range of aquatic items and plant life, you can expand.

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An example of a wonderful aquarium was built by my neighbor and frequent customer, Cesare. He built an impressive solarium that includes a large aquarium.

Visit his **Tilley** character's home to see it in person.

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