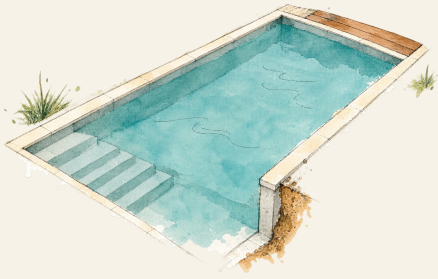
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REAL WOOD. SIZE MATTERS.

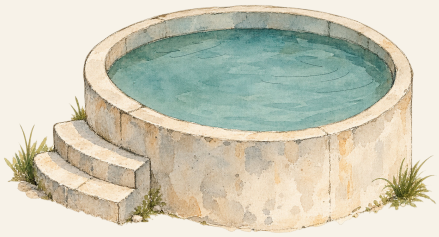
THE POOL MENU

A Pool & Bathing Field Guide

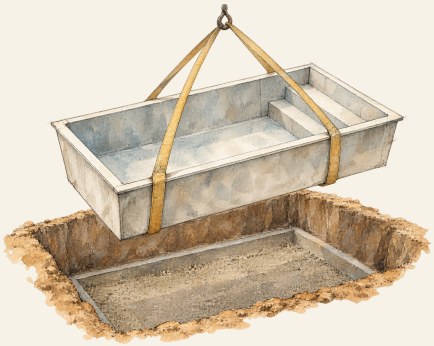
Three ways to bring water into the yard, explained in plain language for customers and the people helping them choose.



Custom gunite



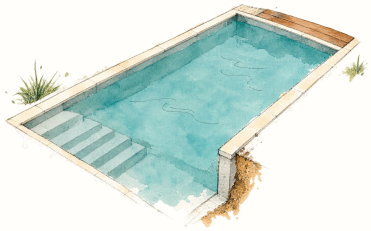
Small concrete tank



Plungie

Three ways to make room for water

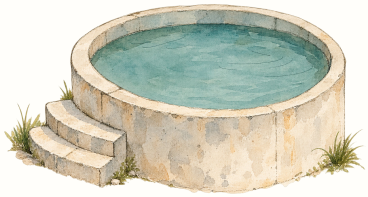
Begin with what the water is for. Then ask how the shell will be made and placed.



01 / SHAPED ON SITE

Custom gunite

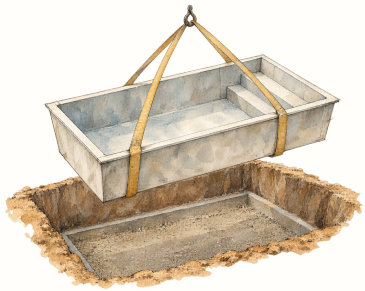
Greatest freedom to fit an outline and entry to the property.



02 / DESIGNED AS A COMPACT VESSEL

BigDecks small tank

An intimate bathing idea; the exact tank still needs a project specification.



03 / CHOSEN FROM MODELS

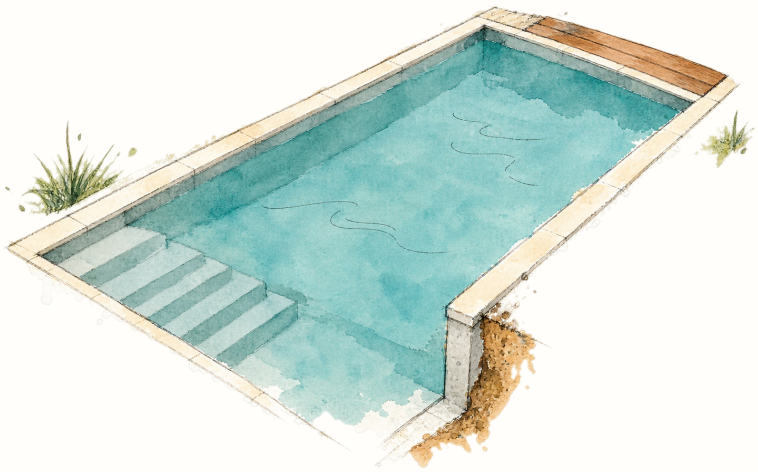
Plungie

A factory-made shell with defined model dimensions; access and sitework still matter.

A round BigDecks tank and a round Plungie can look similar. The distinction is how the shell is designed and made.

Custom gunite

SHAPE THE WATER AROUND THE YARD



IN PLAIN ENGLISH

A concrete pool built and shaped on the property. Its outline, entry, depth, finish and places to sit are developed for this site.

RECOGNIZE IT

The water can follow the layout. Steps, ledges, coping and surrounding space are designed together.

START HERE

What should this pool do: swim, play, gather or settle into the view? Where should people enter and sit?

HOW IT COMES TOGETHER

Design the form; confirm engineering and site access; build the shell on site; finish and connect equipment; complete the surrounding space.

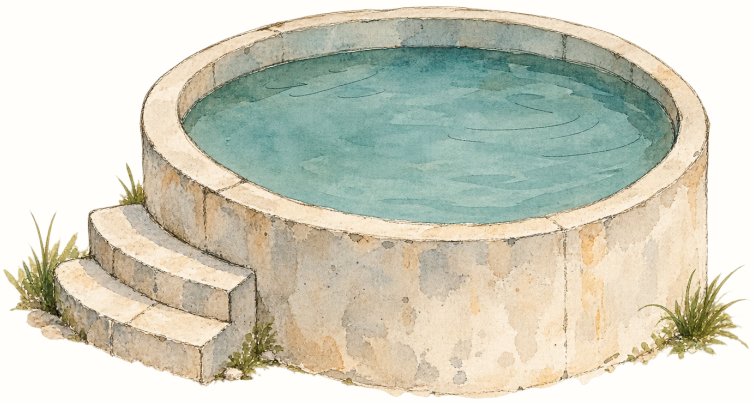
BEFORE THE WRITTEN PROPOSAL

Shell method and structure, permit path, excavation, drainage, utilities, equipment, finish, barriers and construction scope.

A rectangular drawing is one possible design, not a standard shape or quoted size.

BigDecks small concrete tank

MAKE A SMALL PLACE TO BE IN WATER



IN PLAIN ENGLISH

A compact, intimate bathing space designed with its deck, stone, seating and planting. The actual tank is specified for the project.

RECOGNIZE IT

Small water footprint and a garden-scale setting. The drawing shows a possible form only.

START HERE

Is the goal a quiet soak, a place to sit with friends, or a brief dip? How many people should it comfortably serve?

HOW IT COMES TOGETHER

Set the use and location; develop exact vessel dimensions, structure and finish; plan water equipment and service access; write the project specification.

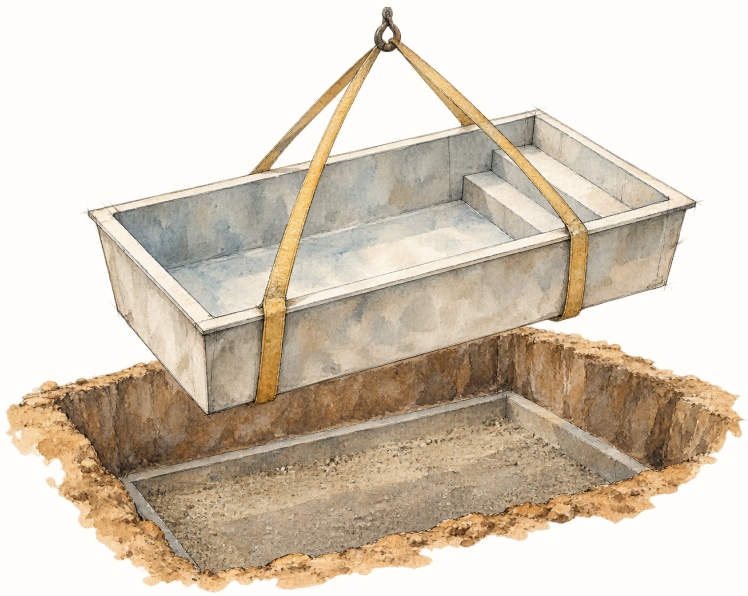
BEFORE THE WRITTEN PROPOSAL

Final dimensions, structure, capacity, finish, equipment, base, utilities, access, drainage, barriers and approvals.

No standard tank size, package or installation method is represented by this concept drawing.

Plungie precast pool

START WITH A DEFINED MANUFACTURER FORM



IN PLAIN ENGLISH

A concrete shell made off site. Choose a current Plungie model, then design its placement and the outdoor room around it.

RECOGNIZE IT

The shell has a named model and published footprint. It must be delivered and lifted into place on a prepared site.

START HERE

Which model fits the intended use and yard, and can delivery equipment reach the planned location?

HOW IT COMES TOGETHER

Select model; verify site and base; plan delivery and crane reach; connect trades and equipment; complete coping, deck and landscape.

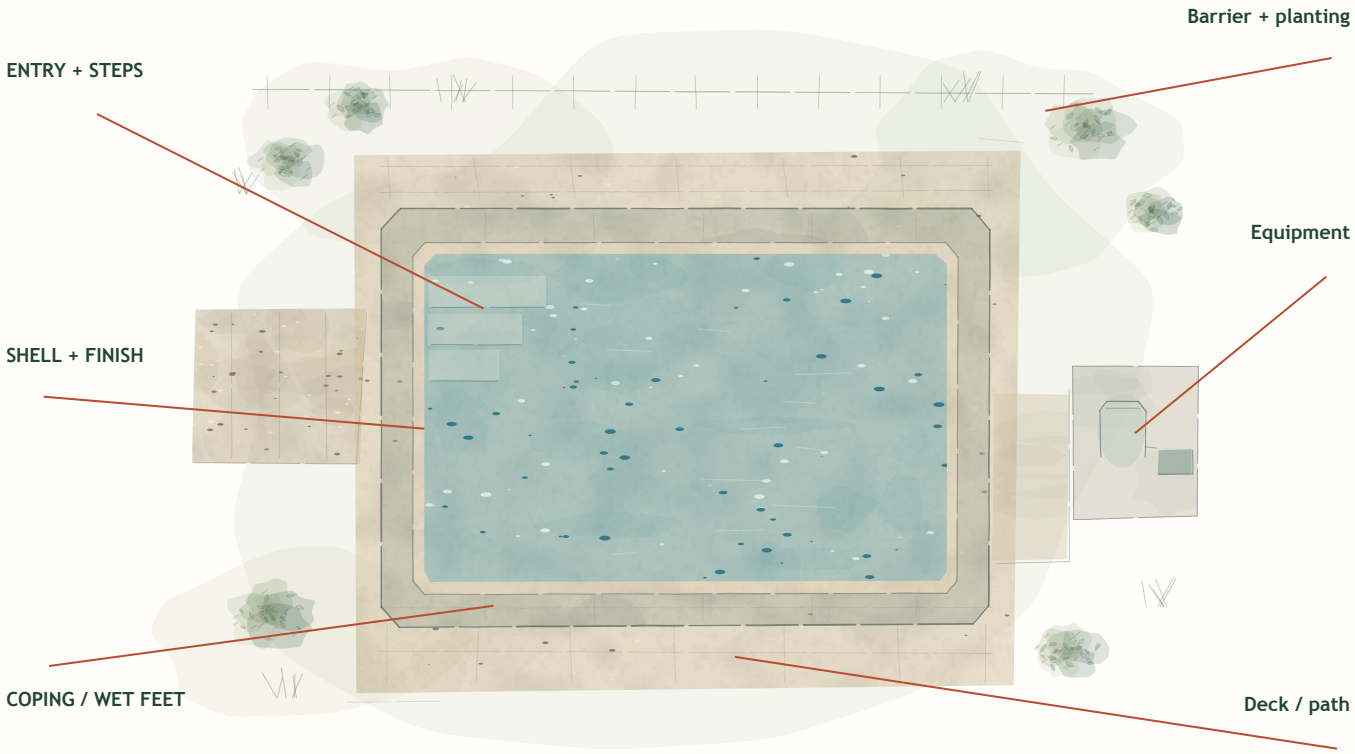
BEFORE THE WRITTEN PROPOSAL

Current model drawings, access and lift plan, foundation, utilities, equipment, finish, barriers, approvals and included scope.

Manufacturer models are references; BigDecks confirms the exact model and installation scope in writing.

What sits around the water

This simple plan shows the questions to solve with any of the three pool paths.



Concept diagram only. The selected pool, property and written scope determine the actual layout, barrier, drainage and equipment details.

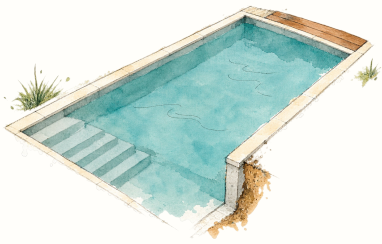
SIX QUESTIONS TO TAKE TO THE SITE

- Where does the route from the house meet the water?
- Where does surface water go?
- Which edges will be wet or barefoot?
- Where can equipment be serviced?
- Where are shade and privacy needed?
- How do people and construction equipment enter?

Shape, model and access

One route lets the shell be shaped for the site. Another starts with a manufacturer model. The small tank needs a final design before it can be specified.

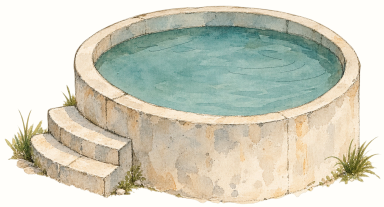
GUNITE



Designed outline

Form and steps are project decisions.

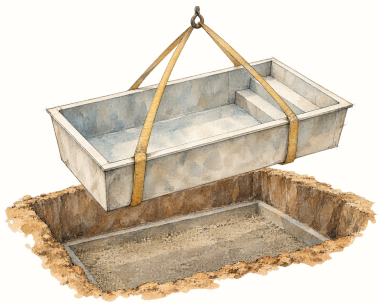
SMALL TANK



Designed vessel

No standard size or package is set in this guide.

PLUNGIE



Selected model

Manufacturer dimensions are the starting point.

PLUNGIE MODEL EXAMPLES - MANUFACTURER FOOTPRINTS



Arena

11 ft 5 in round



Studio

12 x 7 ft



Original

15 x 8 ft



Max

20 x 10 ft

Current manufacturer examples; dimensions describe the external shell footprint, not the whole site area. Verify model drawings and included scope before quoting.

A conversation at the table

CUSTOMER SAYS / 01

I want the pool to fit this exact yard.

Explore custom gunite.

Review outline, elevation, entry, excavation and what the site will allow.

CUSTOMER SAYS / 02

I mainly want to sit in water.

Explore the small tank and compact Plungie models.

Ask about seating, the feel of the water space and the desired certainty of dimensions.

CUSTOMER SAYS / 03

I need shell dimensions early.

Start with a Plungie model.

Check whether its footprint and the delivery/lifting route can work.

CUSTOMER SAYS / 04

I already have a pool.

Design the surrounding space.

Discuss deck, stone, drainage, shade, planting and lighting around the existing shell.

These are starting points for design, not guaranteed feasibility or a construction quote.

What the drawings mean

USE THE DRAWING TO EXPLAIN; USE THE PROPOSAL TO SPECIFY

- Gunite means dry-mix shotcrete. Pool terms are used loosely, so the project specification must name the actual shell method. The drawn form is an example.
- The BigDecks small concrete tank is a design concept. No standard dimensions, capacity, package or fixed construction detail are established here.
- Plungie is a manufacturer-made precast shell. Model names and footprints come from the manufacturer; installed scope remains project-specific.
- For every route, confirm engineering, permits, access, drainage, utilities, equipment, barriers, finish and who performs each part of the work.

SOURCE TRAIL - REVIEWED 23 OCTOBER 2026

BigDecks - Pools & their setting
https://bigdecks.co/pools-austin/

BigDecks - Materials & profiles
https://bigdecks.co/materials/

Plungie - Compare pools
https://plungie.com/en-us/pools/compare-pools

Plungie - Installation process
https://plungie.com/en-us/more-info/process

American Shotcrete Association - Gunite definition
https://shotcrete.org/faq-items/what-is-the-difference-between-shotcrete-and-gunite/

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