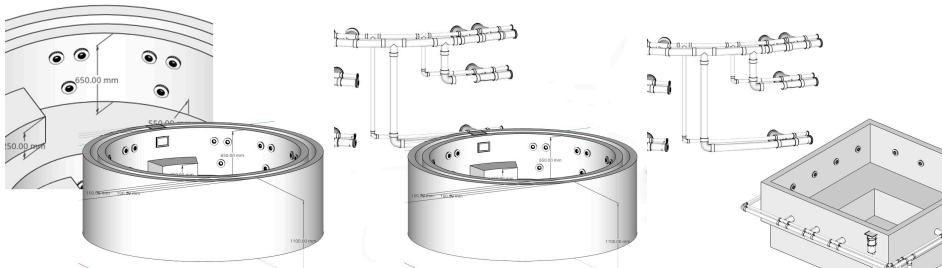


Thanks for Subscribing!

You've probably stumbled upon my website as you are keen to build your own Hot Tub. As I have mentioned in the detailed "How To" that I created, there was lots that I was not sure of when I began the process.

Today, my hobby has become a small business. I'm helping people like you with their DIY builds. If there is something you are not sure of I am sure I can help!

- Complete Custom Hot Tub Design
- Plumbing Design
- Design/Planning Consultancy
- "Rescue work" when things have not gone to plan



These are just some of the things I can help you with; just like I am helping DIY clients like you all over the World!

Please do get in touch – andi@buildahottub.com

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The Shopping List

Now, not wanting to blow my own trumpet, I am much more informed, somewhat of an “expert”, perhaps, in all things Hot Tub.



I thought that I would draw up a shopping list of what you need to build your own Hot Tub.

Groundwork

OK, so you have to dig a big hole in your backyard so you can eventually fill it with water. You are going to need the following.

- A Spade
- A Wheelbarrow
- Hire A JCB Digger (this is the least back-breaking option)
- Somewhere to dispose of the earth you are going to remove

Then you have to dig the hole to the size that you want.

The next thing you are going to need to do is line your hole. You can do this with a pond or swimming pool liner.

Once you have lined the Tub, it's time to start with some blocks.

Blockwork

My “DIY Hot Tub” Guide goes into much more detail. This post was about making it super easy to source the parts that you need for your home-made Hot Tub.

You are going to need blocks, cinder blocks and depending on the size of your tub, I am guessing 70-100 for a medium to large tub. Mine was 100 FYI.



You are going to need some cement, lots of bags of it. You should also hire a cement mixer as it is much easier than mixing by hand (I am testament to this!)

So, head off to the hardware store at this point, get yourself the blocks and cement and start building the walls for your tub. Backfilling and adding any steps that you want. Design is key. Planning is a must.

Plumbing

Plumbing is the tricky bit. It depends on size, numbers of jets etc etc. You do need to do some planning here to make sure everything works. However, here is a list for you and some links to help you on your way.

- 2 Speed Pump (so you don't need a separate circulation one)
- 2 Stop cocks (to isolate your system for draining)
- 2" Pipe – length depends on size of your tub and the amount of jets.
- 2" T pieces – however many you need
- 2" Elbows – however many you need
- 2" couplers – However many you need
- Pipe Cement (this is like glue to stick the parts together)
- Gunit Bodies (this is for the jets so needs to be the total number you need)
- Jets (matching the number of Gunit Bodies)
- Blower – this gives you extra power in the jets (don't bother with a heated one, not worth it)
- Check Valve – stops water getting into your blower.
- 1.5" pipe – however much you need
- 1.5" pipe T pieces – however many you need
- 1.5" pipe Elbows – however many you need
- 1.5" couplers – However many you need
- Skimmer – depends on the size of your tub. Go for a swimming pool one, they are cheaper.
- Filter & cartridge, depends on the size of your tub
- Spa Pack –

Tiles & Adhesive

The tiles that you choose need to be waterproof, suitable for floors and walls (ideally wet rooms or swimming pools). It goes without saying that you need to have enough to cover your tub so calculate the area you need.

Adhesive & Grout – this must be swimming pool waterproof grade stuff. Not what you are using in your kitchen for example. I can't stress this enough.



Hot Tub Cover

Investing in a good cover is going to save you money in the long run on your bills. Don't go cheap.

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