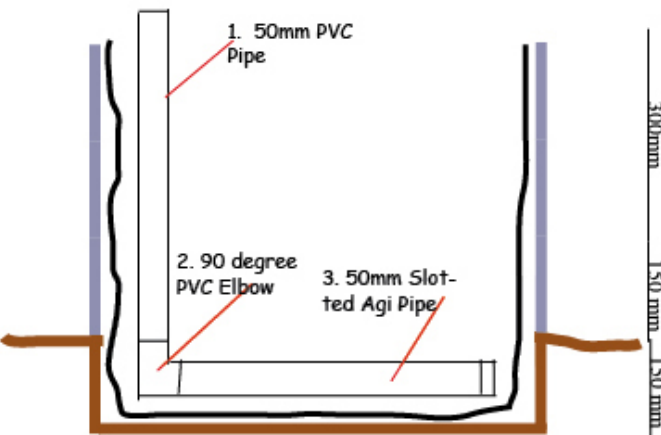
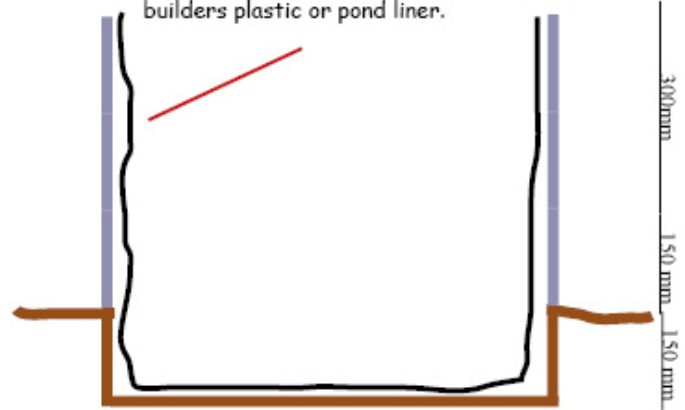


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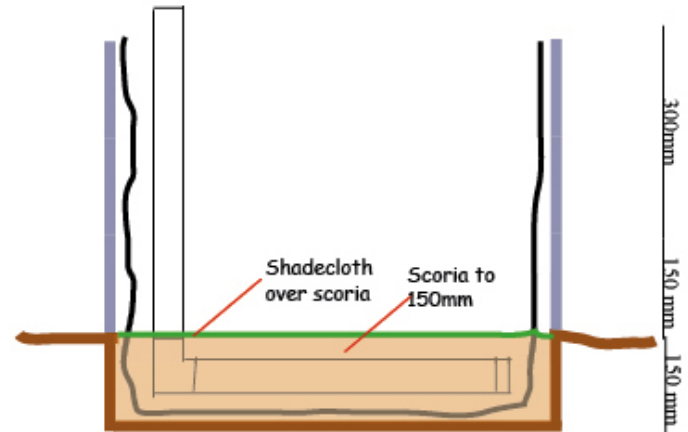
Step Two: Dig a hole to a depth of 150mm, ensuring it is level. This will form the water reservoir.



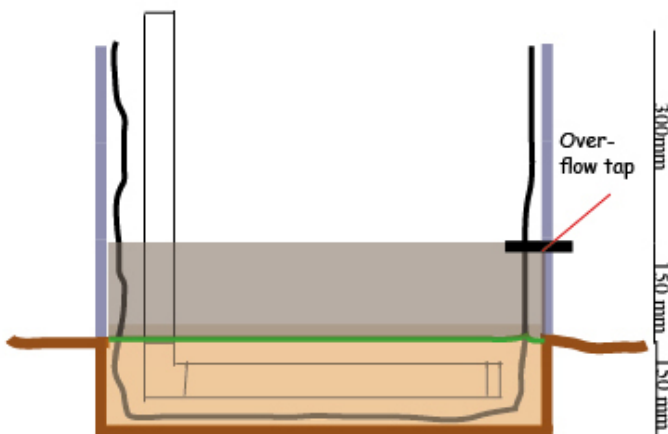
Step Three: Whack up the sides, so the bed has a total depth of 600mm (including the hole you just dug). Line the entire bed with good quality builders plastic or pond liner.



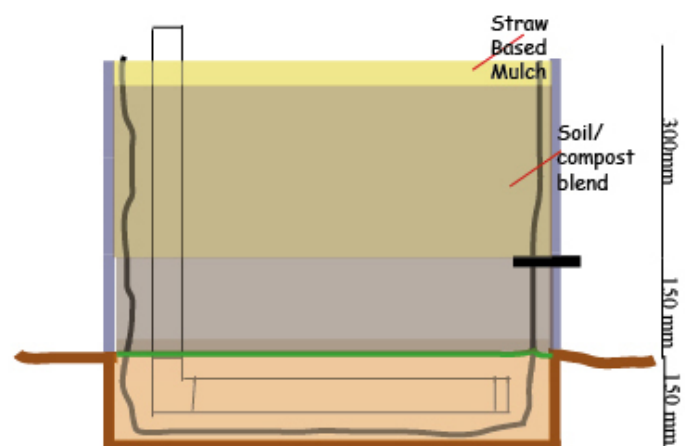
Step Three: Install a length of 50mm pipe (1), a 90degree PVC corner (2) and a length of 50mm slotted agi pipe that will run the length of the bed, along the centre. Place a cap on the end of the agi pipe



Step Four: Cover pipe with scoria or equivalent to a depth of 150mm. Cover scoria with a layer of shadecloth



Step Five: Add 150mm of water retentive soil to bed. This is NOT ythe planting area. Add a water tank tap outlet to act as an overflow at 300mm by drilling and attaching to end of bed.



Step Six: Fill the remainder of the bed (another 300mm or so) with a good quality soil/compost blend. Mulch well with a straw based mulch (to about 5-7cm), taking care not to cover the PVC pipe opening.