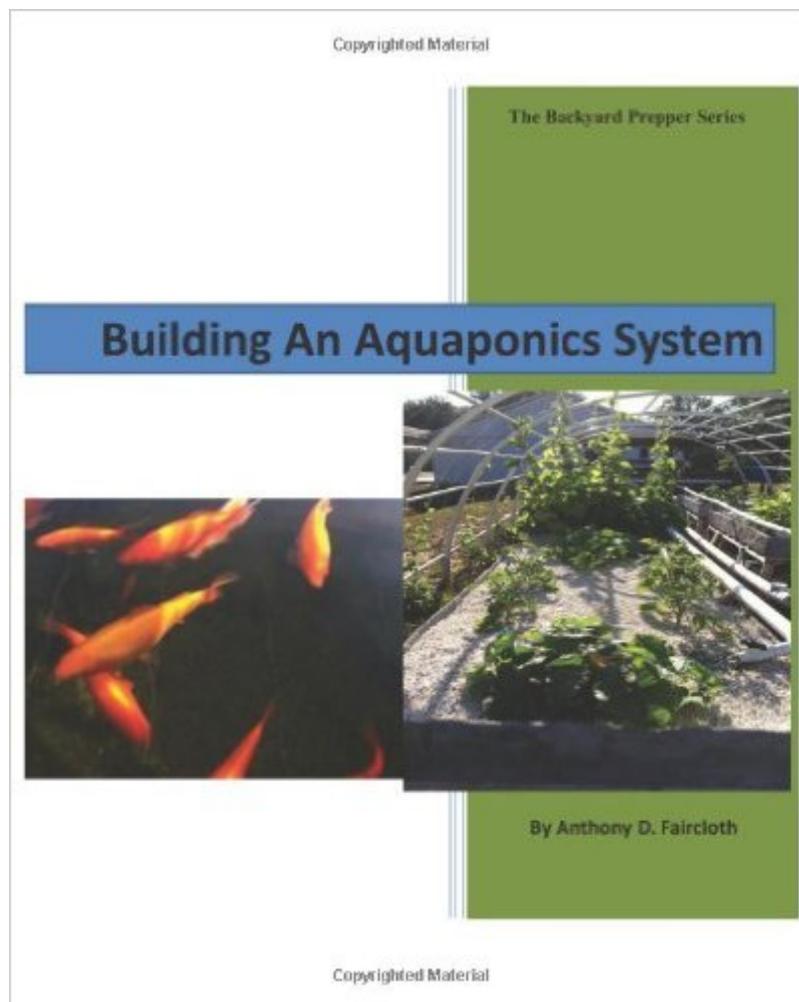


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# Building An Aquaponics System (The Backyard Prepper Series)



## **Synopsis**

Aquaponics is a method of growing fish and vegetables in a simple recirculating system. This book is designed and written to provide basic information and direction for people interested in building a backyard aquaponics system. It is NOT a "how-to" manual listing parts and with step-by-step procedures, but it's more like a conversation that you might have with a good friend about how he built his system. It is written to be easily understandable and includes lots of pictures and graphics. NOTE: This 8"x10" version contains the same information as other editions only the physical size has changed.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Unlike a typical how-to guide, Faircloth approaches aquaponics by sharing his experiences in building these systems. Faircloth is very knowledgeable and does provide general directions and orientation to the reader by sharing his triumphs and missteps. If you're into aquaponics and want to know more, you'll find this helpful. Do note this book is very quick read. For more in-depth information, check out Freshwater Aquaculture: A Handbook for Small Scale Fish Culture in North America.

This is a unique book in that Mr. Faircloth has obviously built the systems he is writing about. What struck me different about this book is it was like talking to someone who built the thing instead of

project book you would get at a home improvement store. The style was very conversational and sprinkled with lessons learned through out the whole book like don't glue something together until the system has been running a few days. If you are looking for a cookie cutter project book don't buy this book. If you want a fun, easy read book on how aquaponics works and a description of what this guy has actually built, plus the lessons learned from hands on experience, this is the BOOK!

"Building An Aquaponics System" should be titled "Building An Aquaponics System: One mans journey with no actual instructions". It was a ok read but not what I was expecting from the title.

I built my first system using this book. I have little plumbing or building knowledge but was able to construct Project #1 with little trouble. My system has been running for a little over a year with huge success. I was so happy with the project I built a 2nd larger system which has been running without issue with the design. This is not a step by step guided plan but provides all the needed basic essentials for the system to run properly. Get The Aquaponic Gardener book by Sylvia Bernstein and you can design your own system. I liked it.

Disclaimer: I personally know the author and his personality and tone are truely represented in this book. He has a true passion for self sustainability and has taught me a thing or two about small farming and organics. This past winter I had the opportunity to tour the larger system he describes in his book and it is quite impressive. At the time, there were several large fish in the massive tank and I think some herbs growing in the green house. Now about the book: The book stays away from the super scientific stuff and is more about the how-to with some of the why. What I liked mostly was the idea that the aquaponic system design does not have to be set in stone; meaning there is more than one way to design and build a system. What is stressed however, are the pricinplels behind aquaponics and some of the pitfalls and gotchas that the author has personally experienced. Also, The conversationalist tone of the book made it appear as if the author was speaking directly to me which I think is appropriate for the subject at hand. I have yet to build an aquaponic system, but it is on my list of many many things to do. Enjoy!

The book has some good points, but this is written from the perspective of a weekend warrior at best. I usually want a professional opinion first before I decide to become the weekend warrior. Price is commensurate to the quality of the information.

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Good pictures but the book is fairly basic. Good place to start for beginners who want to learn how things work.

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