

Accessorizing Your Aquarium

Imagine a fish tank that has nothing but fish in it! Boring, to say the least! To make your aquarium attractive, you need to accessorize it. There are all sorts of ornaments on offer in the market today. First, you need to take into account the size of your tank and the kind of effect you wish to create. Of course, the most important consideration would be the type of fish you wish to breed in your tank. The ornamentation of a tank is more for people than for the fish. In fact, certain species don't like gewgaws. The extras seem to get in their way. Oscars don't like greenery, let alone trimmings! On the other hand, some fish would be lost without some place to "get away". Others need some place to call "home", while a few need something to play around, surprising as that may seem. If you have both small and large fish in your tank, the smaller ones would appreciate something to protect them from being preyed upon.

Select what best suits your requirements from the local pet store or an exclusive fish store. On display, you will find traditional accessories like ships and castles. You could choose seaweed and other branched greenery or imitations of these in various materials. You could pick up shimmery stones of varied hue or pretty baubles to embellish your fish tank. Besides these, there are any number of new fangled accessories to suit every pocket.

Some people are fascinated with amphibians. If you are one of these who keep pet amphibians in your aquarium, the requirement is different. These creatures love waterfalls that terminate in a pool they can luxuriate in. Waterfalls come in all shapes and sizes. You can best replicate their natural habitat by providing for a virtual "forest" of water plants in their tank.

When you choose ornaments for your aquarium, keep in mind what the fish you would like to raise are partial to. Get some literature and read up on their preferences. Certain fish are more sensitive and even a few accessories may traumatize them. Goldfish make excellent pets as they don't need much care and they don't seem to mind what's in the tank with them. Therefore, you can go wild and do what appeals to you. Small fish don't seem to mind either. So it's entirely up to you on how you "do up" the tank for small fish.

If you make your aquarium especially attractive, it could become a conversation piece. Use accessories that simulate their natural habitat. That will certainly keep the fish happy! You, your children and your friends can spend hours enjoying the antics of the fish. This occupation is known to be therapeutic, to boot. So be imaginative in decorating your tank. Create your own ornaments or stick with the conventional. The outcome should give you and the fish pleasure.