

*How to set
up your
Aquarium*

Supplies

- *Aquarium*
- *Sand/Gravel*
- *Filter* (cartridge or undergravel)
- *Heater*
- *Air pump* (not necessary)
- *Air line tubing*
- *Air stones*



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Supplies (cont)



Sea salt



Hydrometer or Refractometer



Test kits



Thermometer



Hood or Cover

Step 1.



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*Rinse your aquarium with fresh water to
remove any debris or tags/stickers*

Step 2.



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Rinse your new aquarium substrate with fresh water to help eliminate dust. If you are using live sand, it is not necessary to rinse. Follow the directions on the bag.

Step 3.



Add your substrate to the aquarium. Be sure that there's at least one inch of substrate.

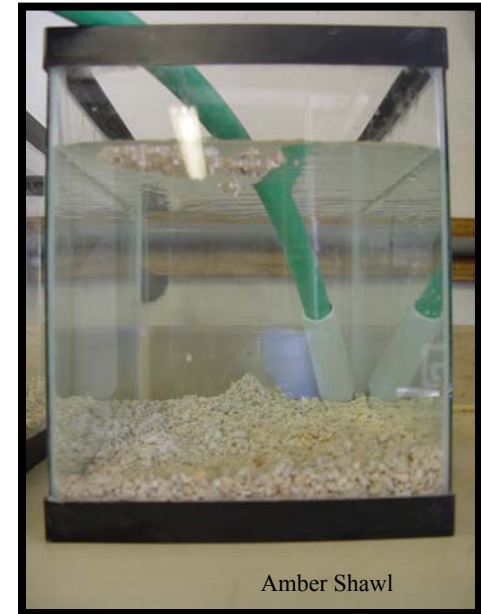
Step 4.

Next you need to make salt water.

- *Fill up a bucket with tap water*
- *Treat with a de-chlorinating solution according to the directions*
- *Dissolve sea salt into the water until you reach the desired concentration (about 32 ppt)*
- *Make sure the salt is dissolved*
- *Add the salt water to your tank*



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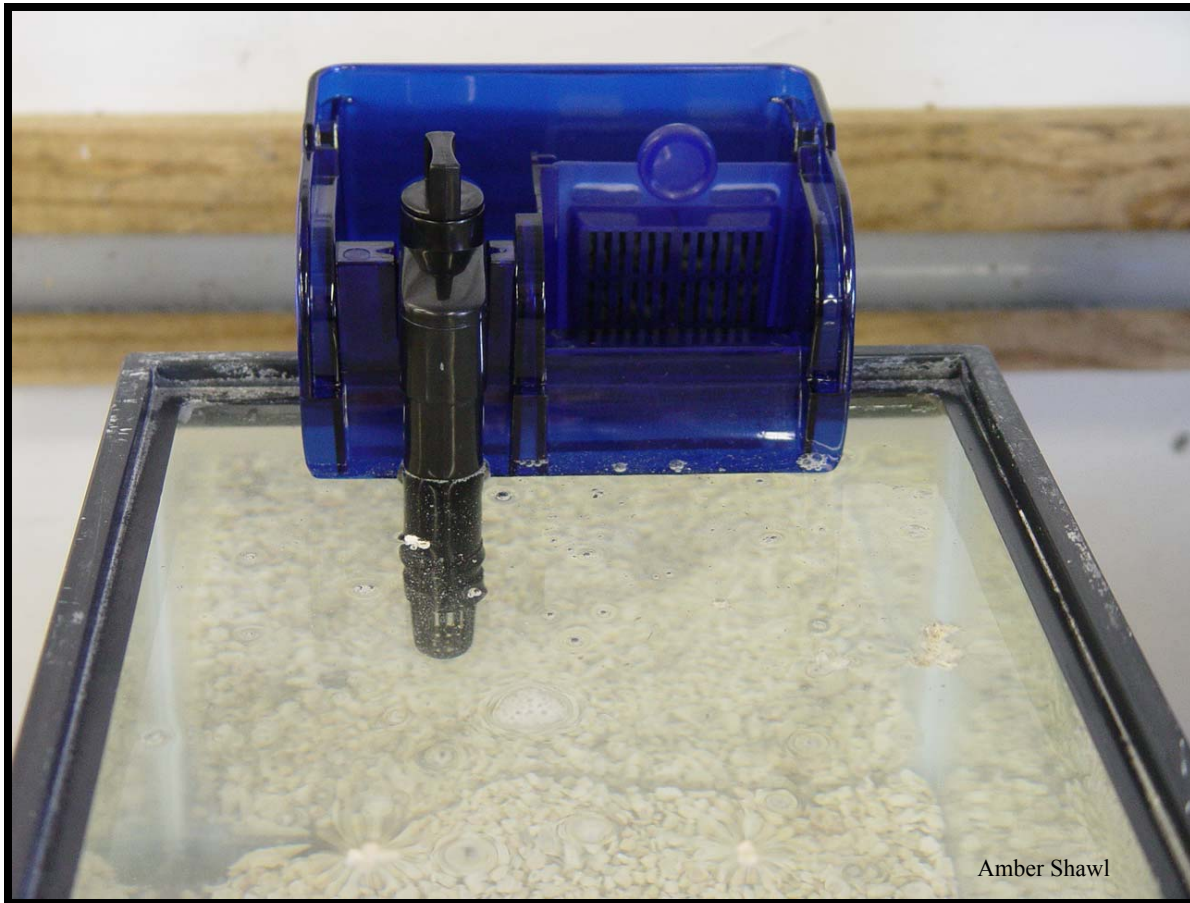
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Step 5.



The water may be a bit cloudy at first, even if you rinsed your sand!

Step 6.



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Add your filter.

If using an undergravel filter, you must put it in your tank before adding the substrate.

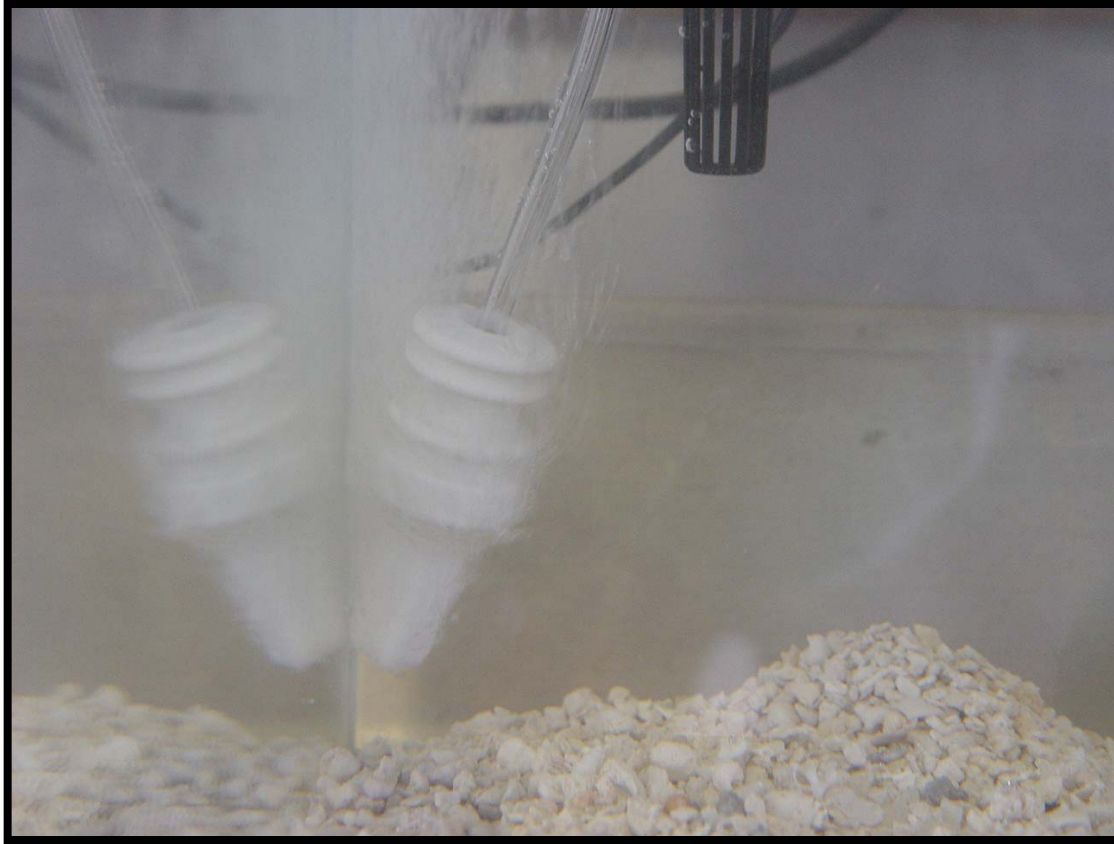
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Add your heater.

Step 8.

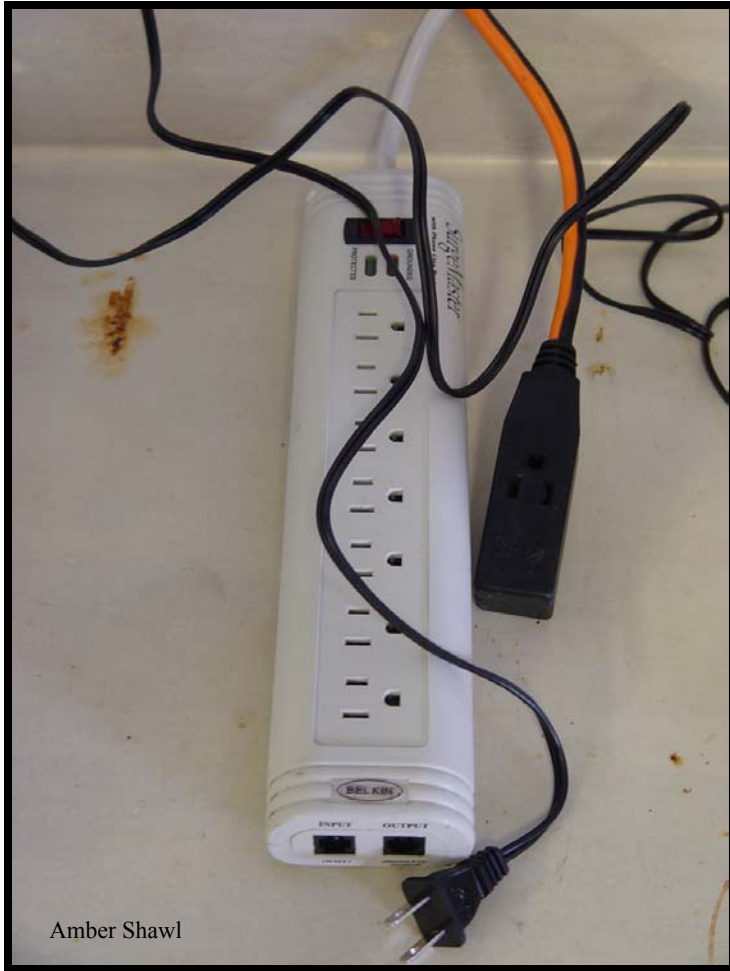


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Add your air.

***It is not necessary to have air with smaller tanks
(10 gallons)***

Step 9.

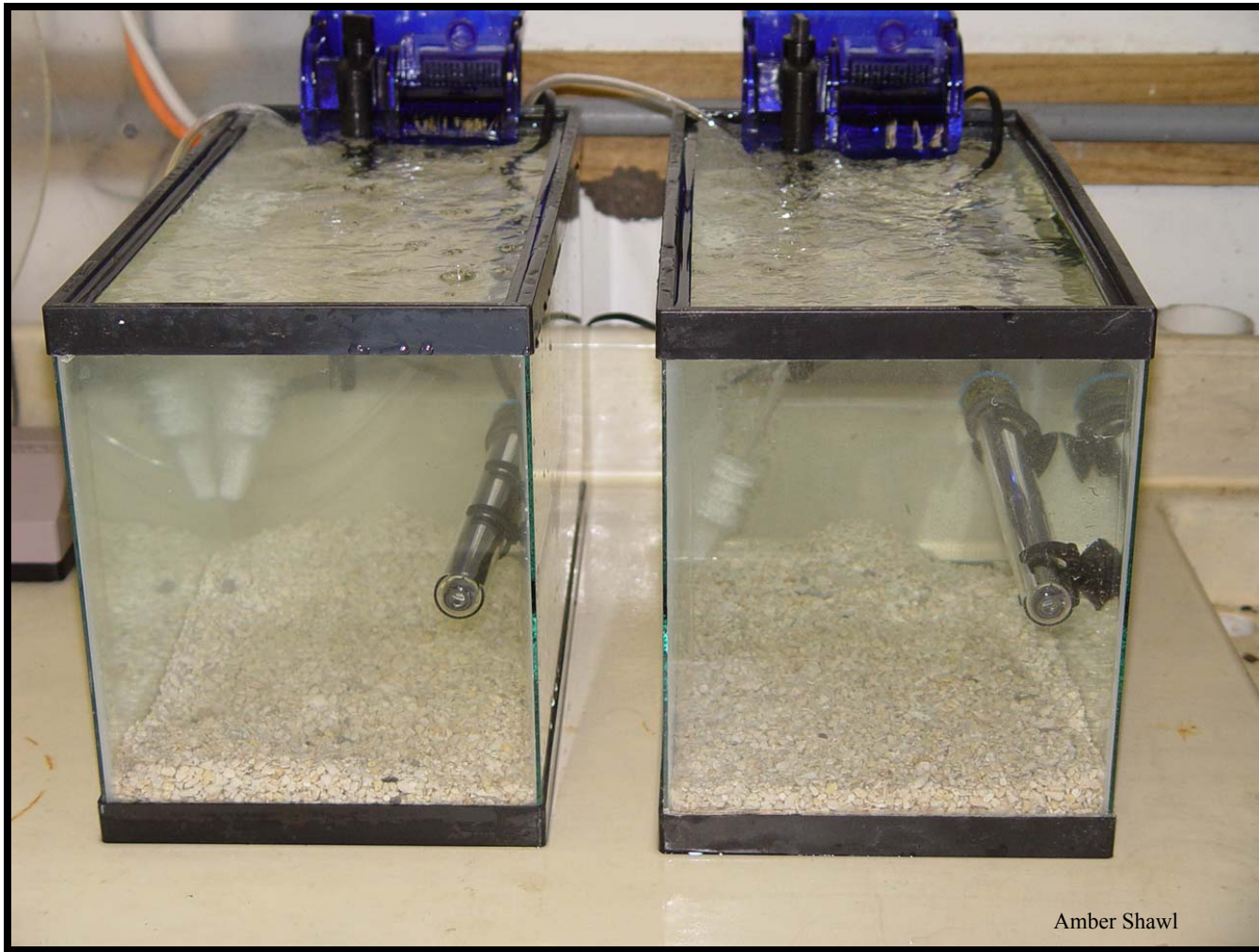


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Plug everything in!

*Make sure that your
power strip or outlet
are a safe distance
from water!*

Step 10.



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You're finished!

Adding Animals

You want to give your tank time to cycle. This may take 4-6 weeks if you don't add live sand. Live sand can be purchased at any pet store and it contains bacteria that break down nitrogen and ammonia. If you add live sand, you can add conch to your tank within 1-2 weeks. You want to be sure that the water quality is stable before adding any type of aquarium animal.

Tank Maintenance

- *Check temperature daily*
- *Check salinity, pH, ammonia, nitrite, nitrate once per week or as needed.*
- *Keep water level above heater!*
- *Top off tank as needed.*
 - *Check salinity (if above 32 add freshwater)*
 - *De-Chlorinate tap water and add to tank*
- *Change all or part of the water as needed*
 - *dirty water, algae, or left over food on bottom are some reasons to complete a water change*
 - *Be sure to UNPLUG heater before lowering the water level*

Still have questions?

Don't hesitate to contact us! We are here to help!



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