

I've seen some impressive wild grows on another site that used open bottomed tubes filled with Pro Mix and set into swamps. I did an illustrated Smart Pots DIY there and played around with a possible portable version. You'd probably have to camouflage or use a different color of fabric, but I imagine that they could be adapted to work.

When using the fabric always put the felt side towards the soil. They seem to prune a bit better that way.





The 6oz sq/yd geotextile landscape fabric that I mentioned early worked very well and is extremely strong. Pots are on their second season and look brand new.

The fabric prunes roots well and is super cheap. Comes in varied colors.

Edit: The fiber reinforced fabric handles staples and adhesives well too if you have thoughts about leaving out the field fencing.



Bud Sweat: I made the dimensions a little taller as they will be in a couple inches of standing water.

Each pot should hold about 50 gallons. Dimensions are 2' tall x 2' diameter. These materials were available at my local home depot.

6'x12' pond underlayment -  $27.96 \times 3 = 84$

4x50' green wire fencing - 56.00

Zip ties

Total = 140 + tax

These materials should make me about 16, 50 gallon pots which ends up being about \$8.75 ea.

45 gallon smart pots are about \$15 ea so you'll save about \$5.25 on each one. Or \$84 altogether for 16.

Basically just cut the 50' roll of wire fence in half with an angle grinder. After that just cut up 6.5' sections.



Laid out ready for the pond underlayment:



Cut the Pond underlayment into the same dimensions as the fence piece and zip tied it on. Smooth side out is the way to go from what others have said.





