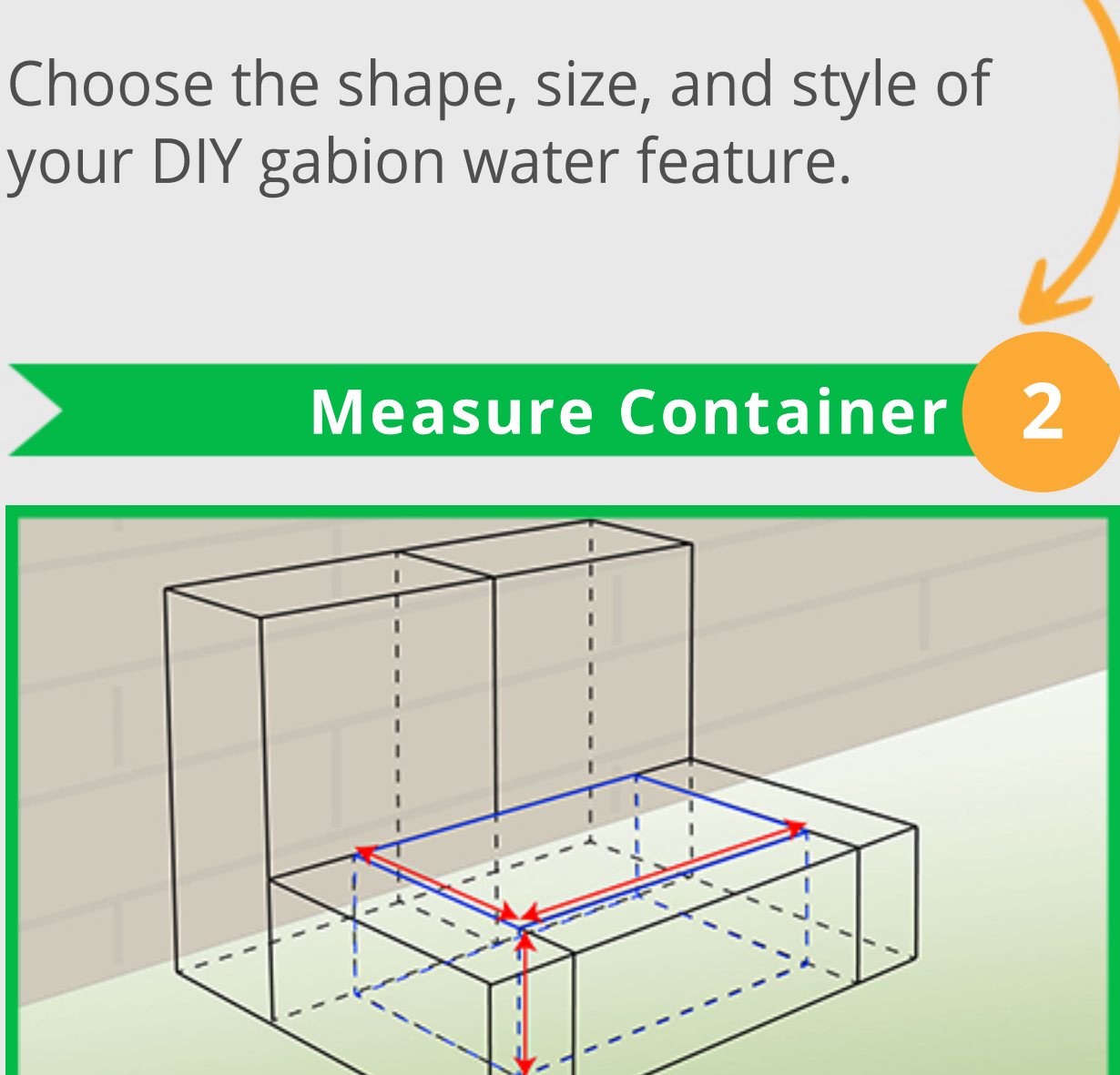


DIY GABION Water Feature

What You'll Need:

- Gabion baskets
- Gabion stone
- Helicals
- Tying wire
- Geotextile
- Pond container
- Water pump
- Tubing
- Spouts
- Protective gloves
- Basecourse or gravel
- Tape measure
- Spray paint
- Shovel
- Level
- Tamper
- Concrete (optional)

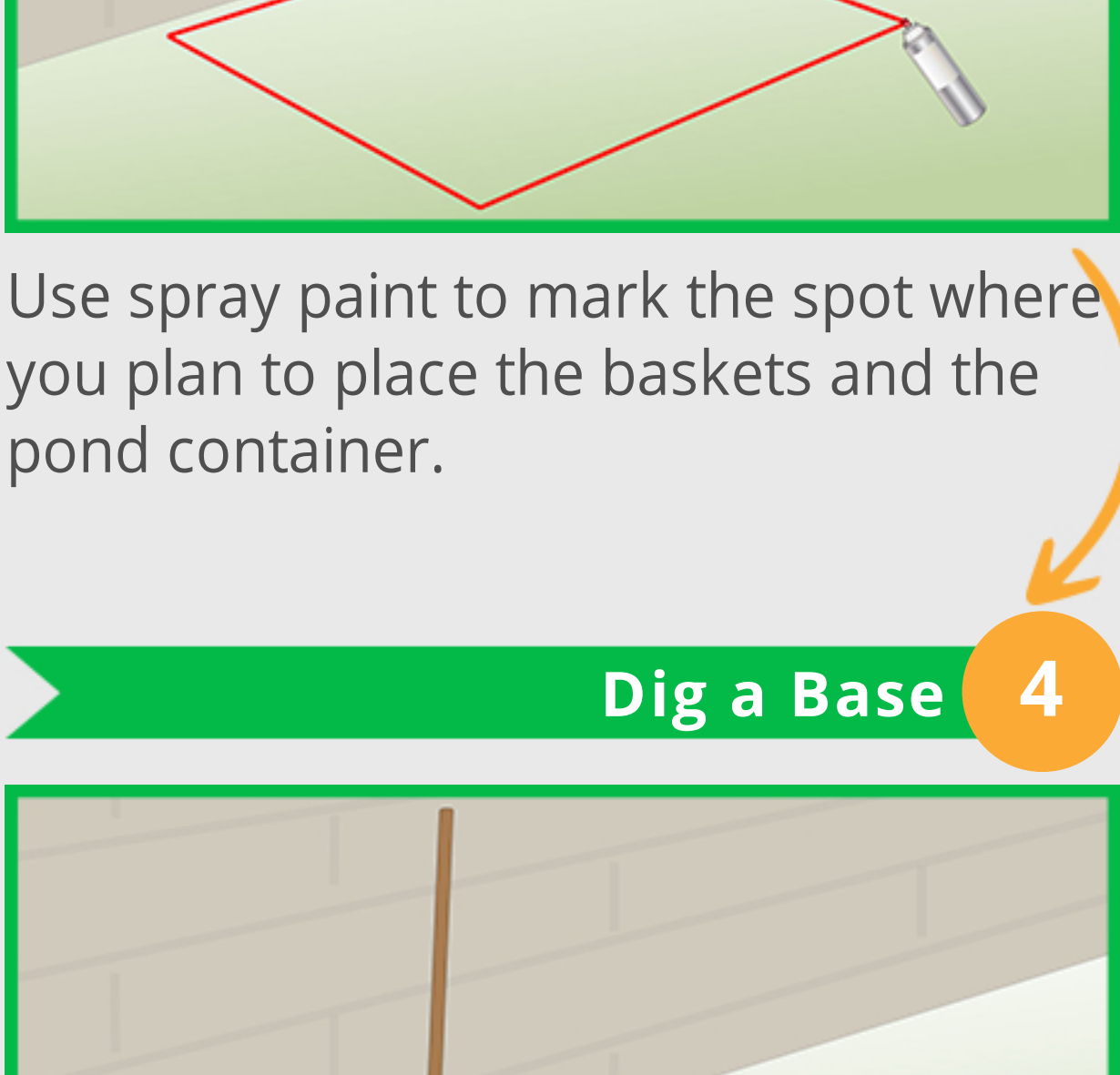
1 Plan & Measure Space



Start by measuring your space and begin planning your design.

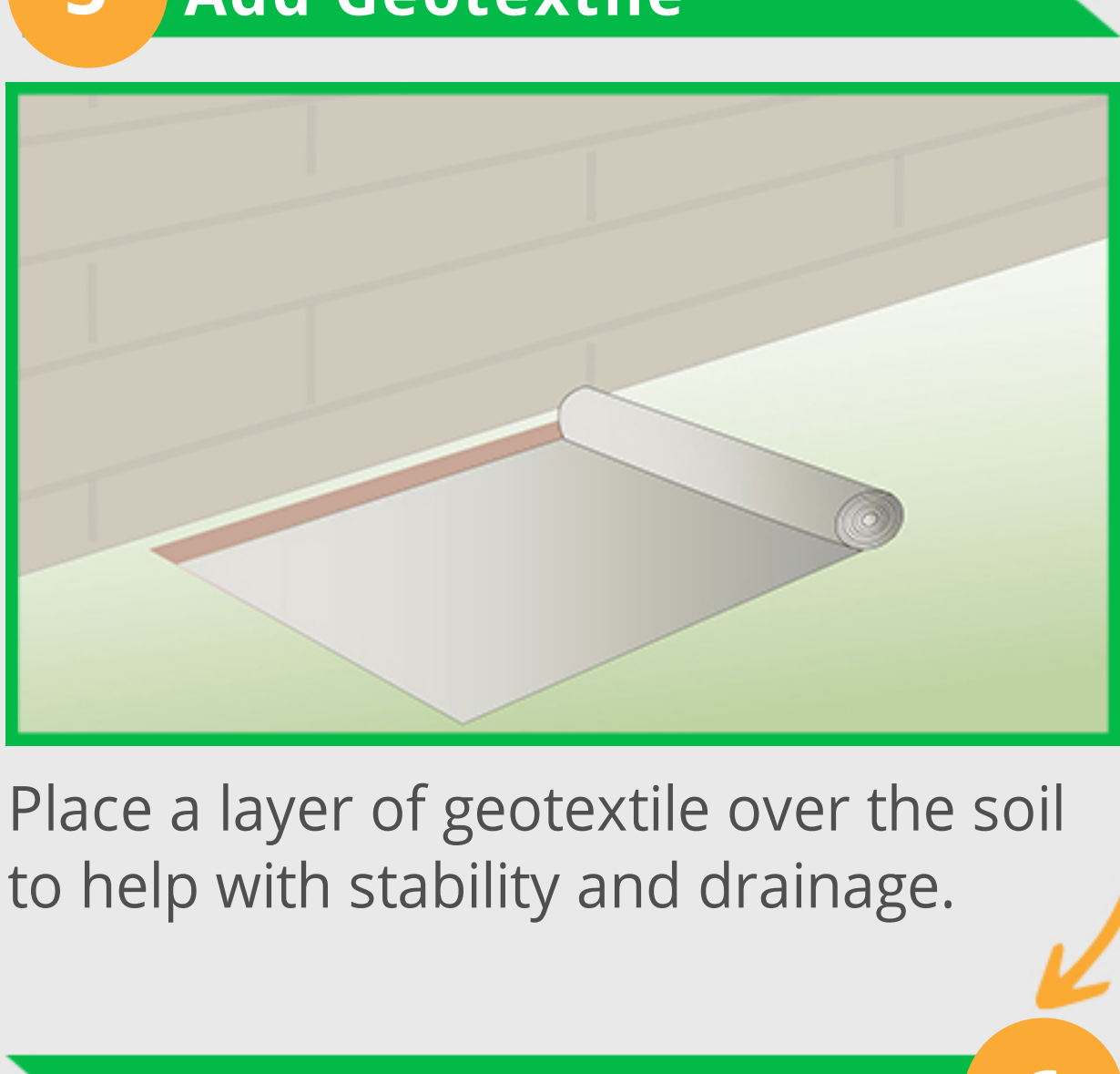
Choose the shape, size, and style of your DIY gabion water feature.

2 Measure Container



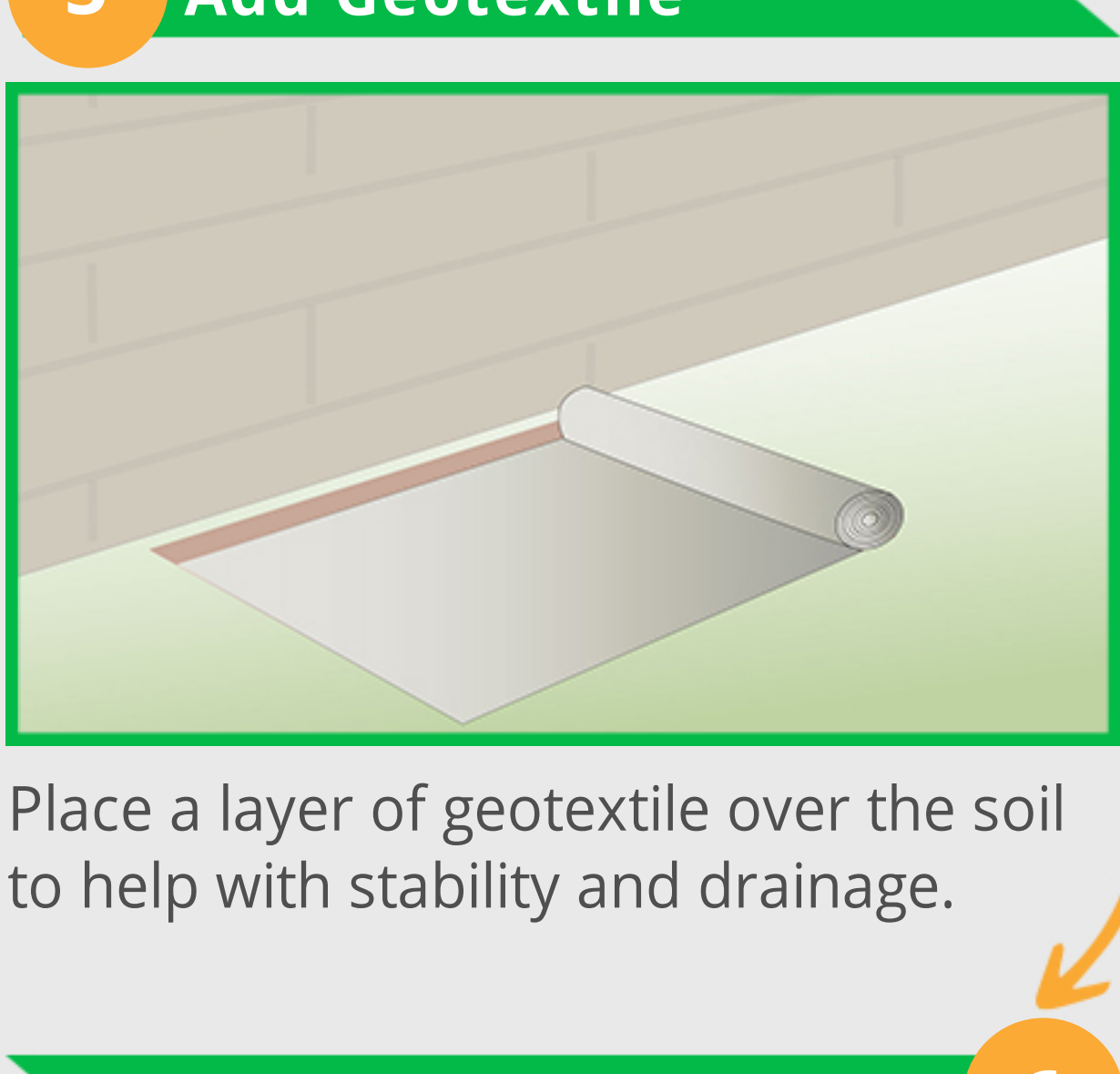
Measure your pond container, then work out how many baskets you need and what sizes, based on your plan.

3 Mark the Location



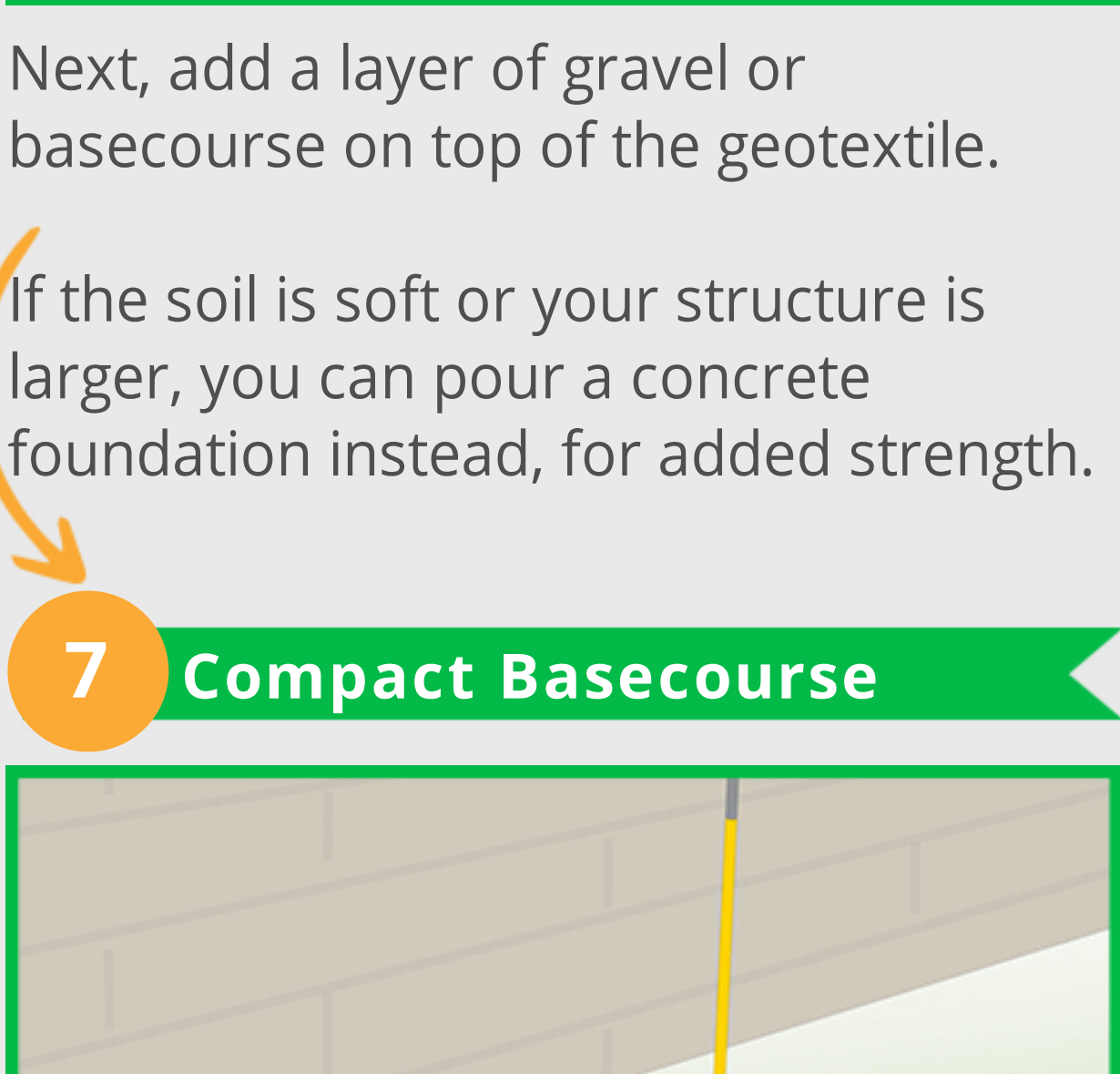
Use spray paint to mark the spot where you plan to place the baskets and the pond container.

4 Dig a Base



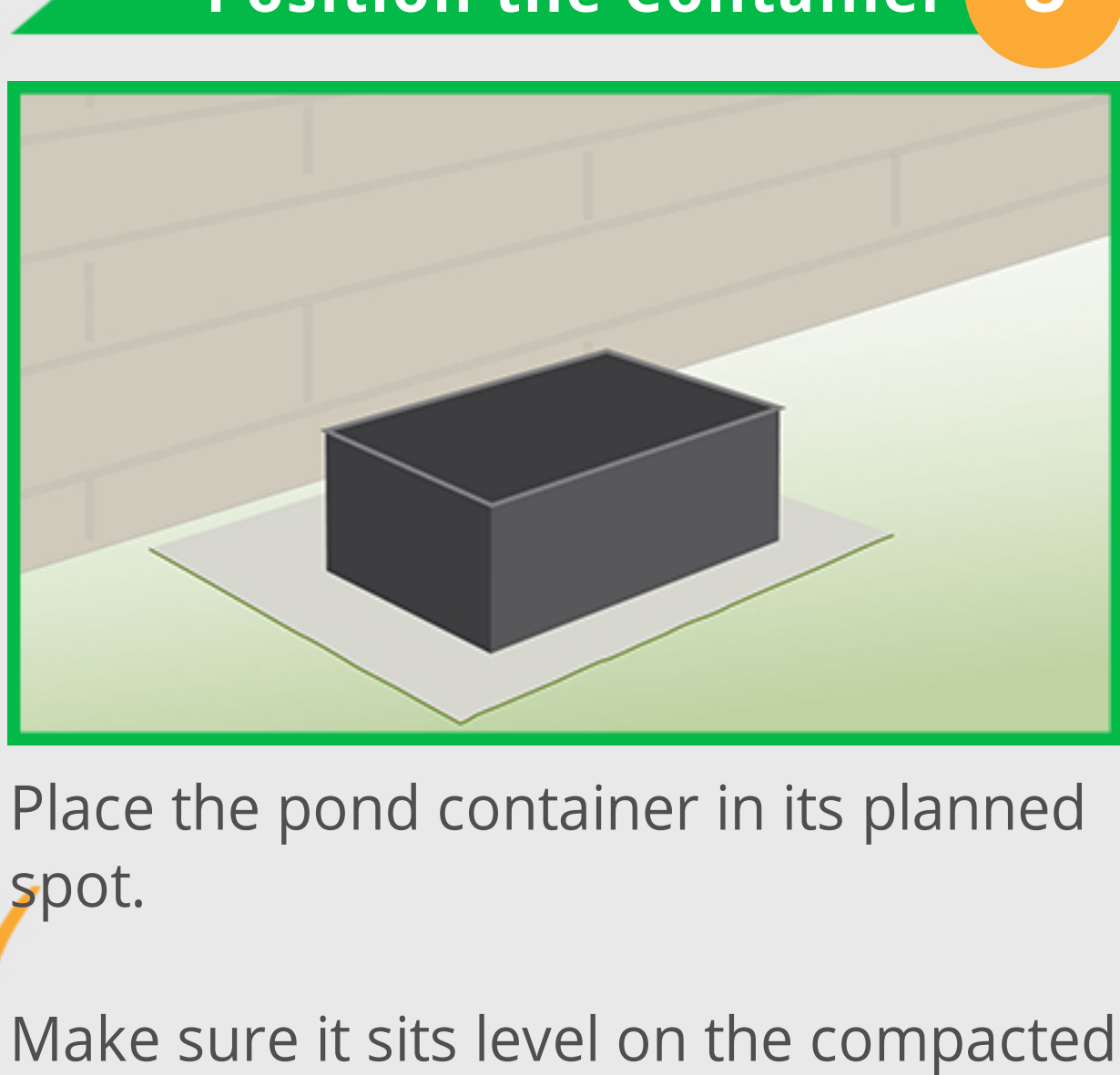
Begin by digging a base for your gabion fountain, making sure it's level.

5 Add Geotextile



Place a layer of geotextile over the soil to help with stability and drainage.

6 Add Basecourse



Next, add a layer of gravel or basecourse on top of the geotextile.

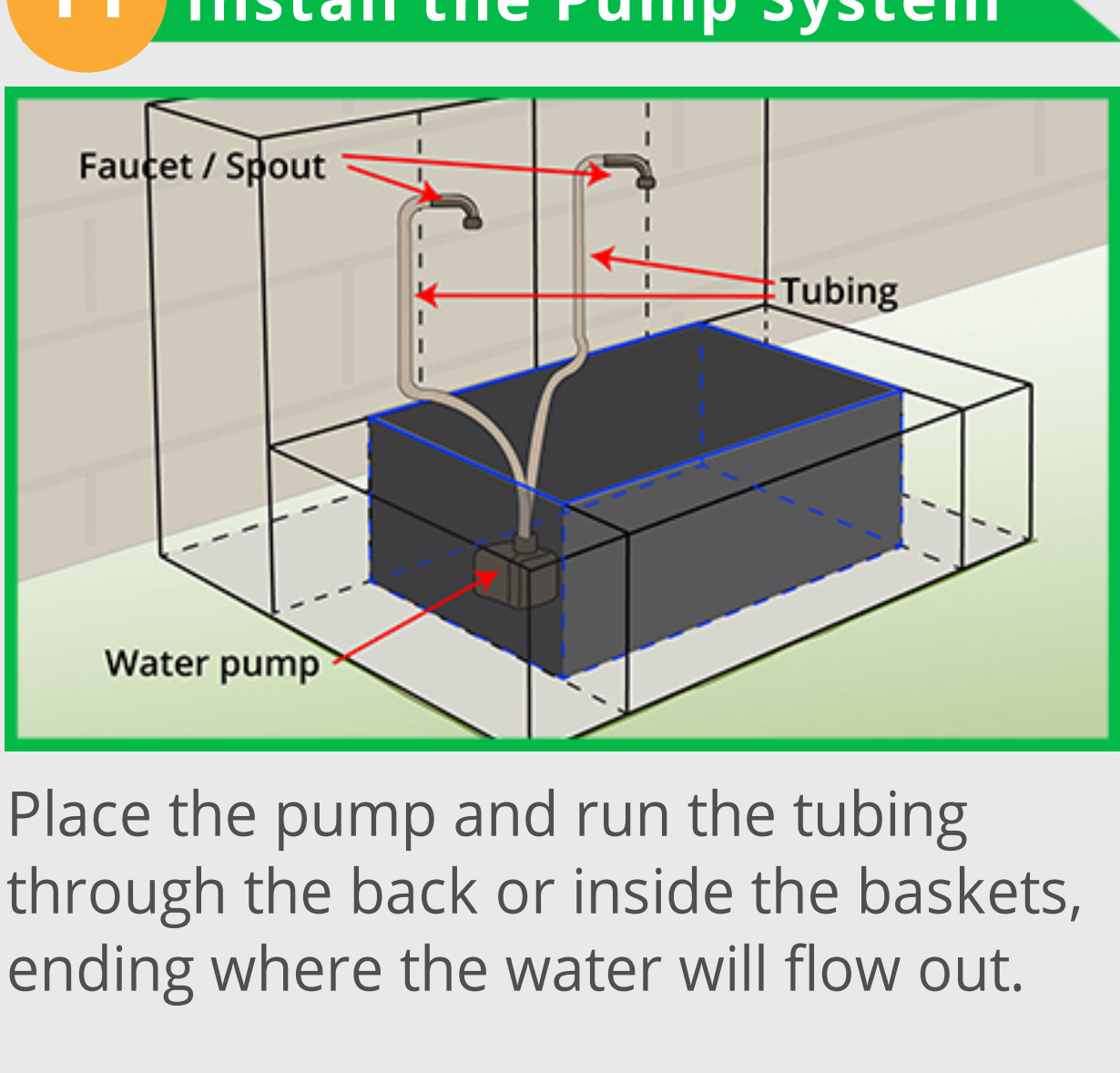
If the soil is soft or your structure is larger, you can pour a concrete foundation instead, for added strength.

7 Compact Basecourse



Compact the gravel firmly using a hand tamper to create a solid, level base.

8 Position the Container



Place the pond container in its planned spot.

Make sure it sits level on the compacted base.

9 Assemble Gabion



Lay the first basket flat on the ground.

Begin assembling it by securing the corners with helicals, but leave the adjacent corners open for now.

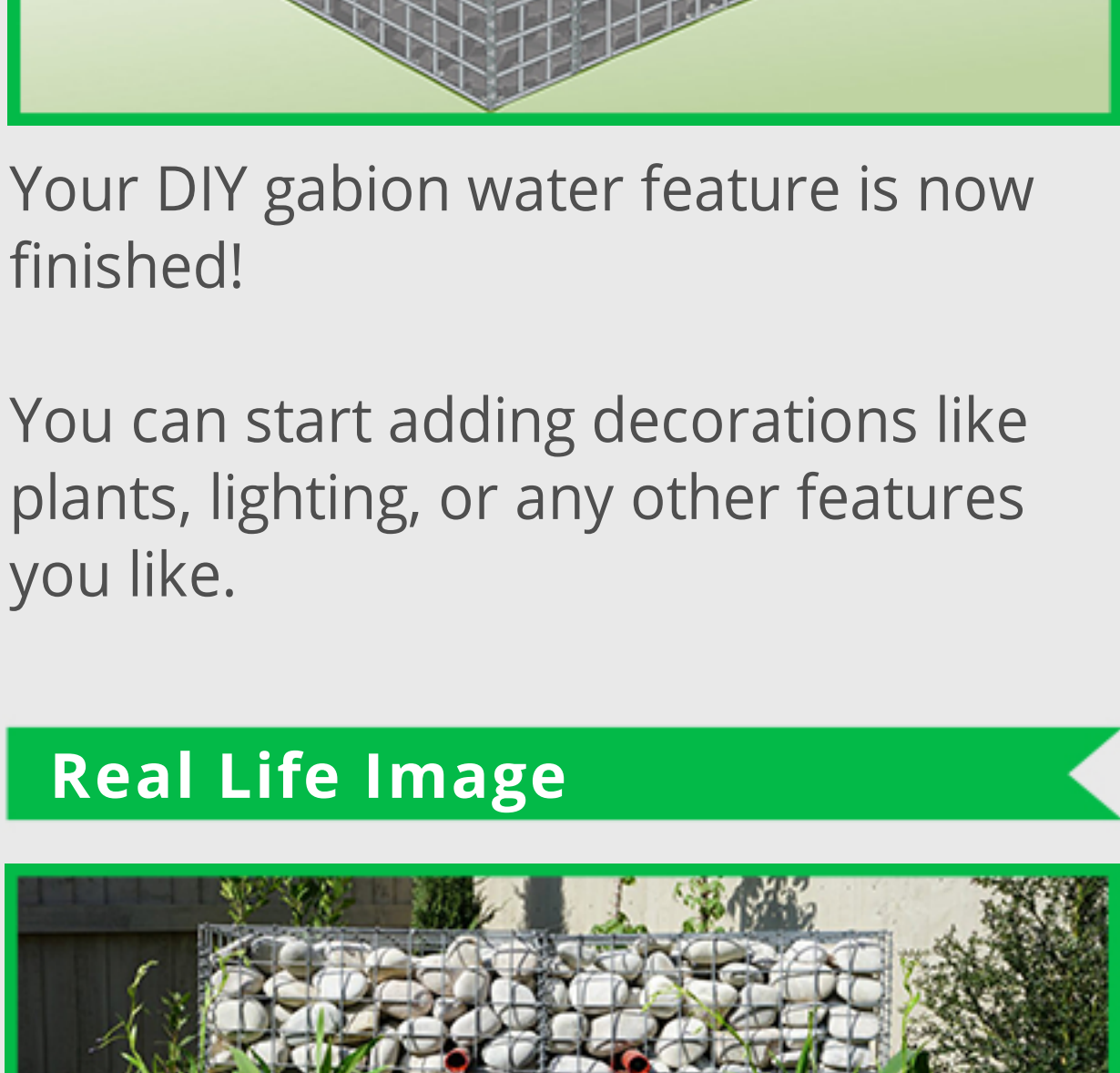
10 Repeat with All Gabions



Repeat the same steps for the remaining baskets.

Use helicals to secure each corner and also where the gabions connect to each other.

11 Install the Pump System



Place the pump and run the tubing through the back or inside the baskets, ending where the water will flow out.

Fit the faucets there.

If unsure about setup, consult a landscaper or garden pond expert.

12 Check the System

Run the pump and test the flow, making adjustments if needed.

13 Fill with Stones

Fill your baskets with stones

14 Close the Lids

Fold the lids down to close the baskets.

15 Secure the Lids

Secure the lids with helicals or tying wire.

16 Finished Project

Your DIY gabion water feature is now finished!

You can start adding decorations like plants, lighting, or any other features you like.

Real Life Image

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