

Nano Tanks— Small is beautiful



Nano tanks are ideal for your desk or table top, and allow you to have an attractive aquarium in a small space. They provide a beautiful environment for fish, shrimp or plants. This guide is designed to provide you with a useful introduction to the species which are suited to these very popular tanks.

Danios

Danios are a good addition to a larger Nano Tank as they are active and quite striking when the light hits them.

Some popular Danios that would be suited to a Nano Tank :

- Gold Striped Blue Danio
- Spotted Danio
- Zebra Danio
- Leopard Danio
- Pearl Danio

Rasboras

Rasboras are a schooling fish and will be suited to a larger Nano Tank (eg 25 litre). Many of them only flourish in groups of 6 or more—Harlequin Rasboras are a particular example of this. Always ensure that Rasboras are kept in schools.

Nano-suitable Rasboras include:

- Maculata Rasboras
- Emerald Eye Rasboras
- Harlequin Rasboras
- Hengels Rasboras

Killifish

Because of their small maximum sizes, Killifish are great nano-suitable fish. If these fish are kept in pairs the males will show brilliant colours.

We recommend the following Killifish for Nano tanks:

- Aphyosemion Australe (Gold Lyre Tail)
- Aphyosemion Gardneri
- Panchax Clown
- Panchax Dwarf

Keep in mind that Killifish can be more difficult to care for in a Nano than some other species, and so would be more suited to experts and hobbyists.

Tetras

With the exception of a few varieties such as Congo Tetras, Tetras are small fish. They are ideally suited to Nano Tanks because they don't grow very large and aren't aggressive. Although they may occasionally nip, they won't kill one another.

Some Tetras that would be suited to a Nano Tank:

- Neon Tetras
- Cardinal Tetras
- Rummynose Tetras
- Hockey Stick Tetras
- Ember Tetras
- Glowlight Tetras

Platys

Platys, in small numbers, are well suited to Nano Tanks. They are hardy, and available in a wide range of colours.

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Barbs

The majority of available barbs grow too large for the tank.

However, there are two smaller varieties which are suited to most Nano Tanks

- Cherry Barbs
- Checker Barbs

For larger Nano's you may wish to use:

- Tiger Barbs
- Moss Green Tiger Barbs
- Odessa Barbs
- Golden Barbs

South American Cichlids

There are some smaller South American cichlids that are peaceful and suitable for Nano tanks.

They include:

- Apistogrammas Cacatuoides
- Apistogrammas Panduro
- Apistogrammas Agassizzi
- Blue Ramirezi
- Gold Ramirezi

African Cichlids

While there aren't a lot of African Cichlids that would do well in a Nano Tank, there are a small number of exceptions. Small shell dwellers are perfect as they don't get large, and are generally peaceful.

Best kept in pairs, suitable African Cichlids are:

- Lamprologus Ocellatus
- Lamprologus Ocellatus 'Gold Form'
- Lamprologus Multifasciatus

Catfish

Some catfish can be added to Nano Tanks. Smaller dwarf Corydoras, small Bristlenose and (for larger Nano's) Sucking Catfish, are all ideal.

We recommend:

- Corydoras Pygmaeus
- Corydoras Habrosus
- Corydoras Hastatus
- Bristlenose Catfish
- Sucking Catfish

Shrimp

Shrimp are the most popular animal to keep in a Nano Tank as they are small, interesting and very active. They are relatively easy to look after and in a planted Nano they look stunning. Here are some commonly available shrimp:

- Crystal Red Shrimp (in all grades, B, A, S, SS, SSS)
- Cherry Shrimp
- Freshwater Glass Shrimp (Temperate)

Plants

Nano tanks allow you to create your own aquascape, and many of them are equipped with every thing that you need. A well planted tank makes a striking addition to any room, and Nano tanks are ideal for this.

More information

To locate your nearest stockist of these fish, visit the "Where to Buy" guide at aquariumindustries.com.au, and enter the name of your suburb. While you are visiting our website, download your free Care Sheets for these species from the Fish Care page.

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