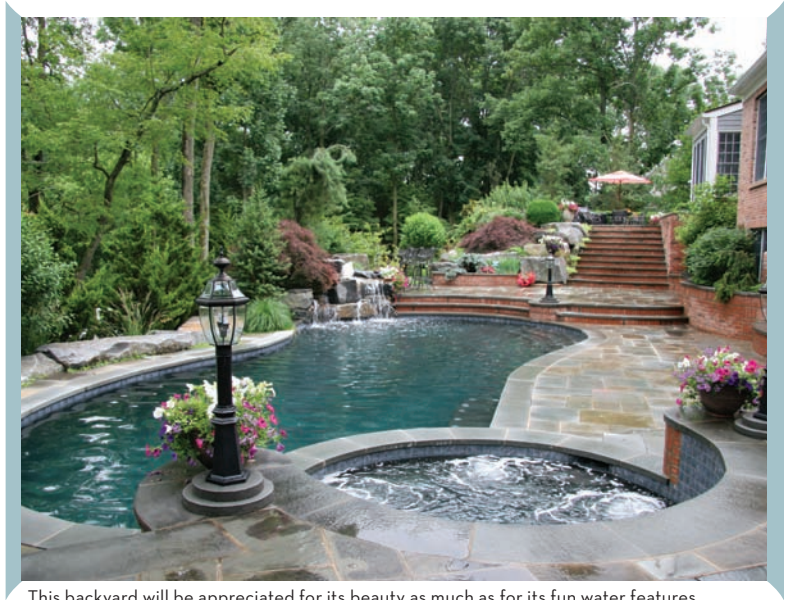


Outdoor décor

THE BACKYARD RESORT

What's the latest in home-as-haven decor? For those with fast-paced lives, it's the backyard retreat—a private resort, with essential water features. Whether the ultimate goal is a romantic retreat or a family entertainment space, designing one's ideal outdoor refuge calls for specialized expertise not only to build the pool, but to spark ideas and translate a lifestyle into creative options so that the completed scenario exceeds expectations.

Planning—and dreaming—are of paramount importance. Professional pool builders will propose inspired solutions while ensuring aquatic aspirations remain grounded in reality. The architecture, landscape and sun's path all set natural parameters, as does the total lie of the land: poolscape to outdoor kitchen, patio to yard and garden. All of the



This backyard will be appreciated for its beauty as much as for its fun water features

elements must be coordinated to make certain they are as logical as the traffic flow from area to area.

The key is to develop the vision around the family's lifestyle, from beach entry and play features for kids (dancing water jets, anyone?) to a relaxing spa and fitness-swimming design for the parents. If the yard is expansive, artistic and imaginative choices are practically limitless. If the yard is small, more and more big-pool features (such as special jet-streams for swimming in place) come in compact forms.

Pool technology has advanced so much in the past few years that

these days almost anything is possible, including a virtually maintenance-free pool. How about a grotto cave? Underwater music? Colors that change with mood? Waterfalls, overflowing spas or vanishing edges? Water adds life to a space, providing both a focal point and privacy (those bubbly musical sounds eclipse neighboring noises). The magic lies in putting it together into a personalized masterpiece.

There are outdoor rooms, and there are backyard resorts. Matching a homeowner's desires with the creative direction of the right pool builder will produce an oasis to savor every day.



With the sounds of a waterfall and stream-jet fountains, this nestled-in-nature poolscape offers both pleasure and privacy

Formed in 1962, the **Master Pools Guild** is an international network of elite custom pool builders committed to creating the world's finest commercial and residential pools. Each custom design combines the homeowner's creative vision and poolscape setting with individual water features once found only at luxury resorts, such as vanishing edges, dramatic waterfalls and dancing water

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