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Homeowners Raise the Bar on ‘Poolscapes’

As swimming areas become status symbols, features get more jaw-dropping

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Offering all the amenities of a world-class resort and all the kick-off-your-shoes comforts of home, poolscapes are blending the lines between the indoors and the outdoors in a big, splashy way.

Centered around a swimming pool, these spectacular entertainment/relaxation oases are equipped with every amenity from floating furniture and sunken fire pits to synchronized lighting systems and glare- and weather-resistant flat-screen televisions. They're popular not only in sunny climes like Florida and Fiji but also in snowy spots such as Canada.

Interesting Pools as Centerpieces

As the centerpiece of poolscapes, swimming pools, too, are becoming more sophisticated and daring. Vanishing edge and perimeter overflows, which erase the line between pool and land, are popular features.

Many pools are being lined with glittering glass tiles in elaborate mosaic patterns and are being outfitted with acrylic walls that turn them into aquariums, where humans, not fish, swim into view.



Designed by Aquatic Consultants of Miami, Florida, this Miami Beach pool, clad in travertine marble, features a 63-foot-long acrylic panel vanishing-edge pool with a Lautner knife-edge slot perimeter overflow.

The Alexander Group Developers

Andy Kaner, president of Aquatic Consultants, a firm in Miami that designs pools and other water features, is working on a residential poolscape in St. Croix, the U.S. Virgin Islands, that features rain cascades, a sunken fire pit and a swim-up bar complete with barstools. The egg-shaped swimming pool spills over into a lazy river; its spa has an acrylic floor that provides river views.

In another of his residential projects, a 63-foot-long acrylic panel, which was so large that it had to be shipped on a flat-bed truck, floated to the site in Miami Beach on a barge and was installed with a crane. It became one wall of a travertine marble pool. The other three land/water-blending sides featured knife-edge perimeter overflows.

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