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Pooled Resources

Residential pools take on a resort-like feel with imaginative shapes, art installations, and inspired furnishings

While Instagram-worthy infinity pools may have previously been all one needed for an outdoor oasis, discerning clients are going several steps further to replicate resort atmospheres at home. “Hospitality groups are trying to create an experience that feels as though it’s your own boutique villa. When you’re at your home, you’re trying to feel like you’re at the Aman,” says Workshop/APD principal Andrew Kotchen. “There’s a lot of cross-pollination between the two.” That ethos most notably spills over to the pools, which are being designed in the spirit of water features that just happen to be available for swimming.

Choosing the right location as well as experimenting with unexpected free-form shapes and rimless options are just a few of the expert techniques designers and architects gravitate toward to give the area new life.



Designers Fox-Nahem, architect Blaze Makoid, and landscape designer Edmund Hollander collaborated on this Hamptons pool surrounded by Paola Lenti furniture.

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Workshop/APD used an infinity pool to tame an uneven landscape at its Courtyard House project in Nantucket, Massachusetts, featured in the firm’s recent monograph.



Hanging chair by SASHA BIKOFF for WALTERS; walterswicker.com



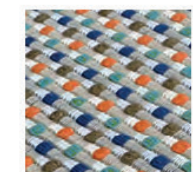
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SHAPE

While rectilinear pools are often installed at traditional homes, modern architecture allows for more creative expressions, from mildly adventurous kidney shapes to undefinable forms. “The design of the pool has to be within the same flavor of the architecture,” declares landscape designer Edmund Hollander, whose firm is currently at work on an ultracontemporary residence with a pool best described as “trapezoidal.”

A health-conscious audience is driving demand for longer, leaner pools on a three-to-one ratio, shares Justin Quinn, a partner at James Doyle Design Associates, which just finished a Dallas project where the pool was part of an overall spa experience, complete with adjacent gym, steam room, and cold plunge. “I’ve had people with limited space say, ‘I’d rather have more length and make it narrower just so that I could do laps in my pool,’” adds Joe Nahem of Fox-Nahem, a self-professed “lapper” who has also had multiple requests for adjacent ice plunges, which are “popular with people who do saunas.”

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