

On Your Way to a Beautiful Poolscape

When planting a garden, you have a world of options to consider. You want to choose the right variety of plants to get the best mix of color, shape, texture and fragrance — without overdoing it. It is the same when planning your poolscape. Adding the reflective quality of water can create a backyard oasis that is both beautiful and functional. A swimming pool can be a valuable asset to your property and lifestyle, enticing you to spend more time outdoors, but how do you create the perfect poolscape?

Custom designs allow you to personalize a poolscape to meet your style, needs and desires. Fun, relaxation, exercise, romance... take your pick. One pool can satisfy all of these functions or target just one, tailoring each and every aspect to your lifestyle — from

the landscaping to the interior finish. One of the first things to consider is the look of the pool and how it will blend into the surrounding environment and architecture. Master Pools builders always keep this in mind while they are designing. Their knowledge and skills in deciding which features and materials look best against unique backdrops is paramount.

An infinity-edge pool, also referred to as a vanishing or negative-edge, has water running over one or more sides of the pool, which allows the pool to blend perfectly into its natural environment, creating a striking effect. If you reside near a large body of water, this feature gives the illusion of water flowing seamlessly into the lake or ocean. Other illusions, such as a perimeter-overflow pool feature, pours water over all the edges and into a trough below deck-level. This effect imitates a natural body of water, and when combined with a dark interior, the pool looks like your own private lake.

For a tropical feel, lush, colorful foliage and natural or faux rock waterfalls and boulders can surround a curvy, lagoon-style pool. Add a tiki-bar and your family reunions and children's birthday parties take on a luau theme. If you are looking for a taste of the islands with a touch of elegance, a beach entry replaces traditional steps with a gradually sloping deck that flows right into the pool. Beach entries



