



PLACEMENT

Where to site the pool varies by region. "If we're doing a year-round home for somebody not in a four-season climate, we tend to put the pool off to the side, not front and center in every aspect of your view," says Kotchen, noting the obvious aesthetic drawbacks of a covered pool in winter. But in areas where it's warm all year long or for summer homes, pools can be more of a focal point.

Those with acreage to spare often position the pool away from the main residence, complete with a cabana, outdoor kitchen, and other amenities to make the area self-sustaining for a full day of activities. "With a larger piece of property, you can set the pool off as a destination," says James Doyle, a landscape architect based in Greenwich, Connecticut.

A pool can also serve an architectural function, with its solid frame doing double duty as a retaining wall to terrace an uneven landscape. "When I first decided to place the pool under the palm trees, the advice from Umberto Pasti was that it must be an aboveground design so as not to disturb the roots," says designer Veere Grenney of the guidance he received from the writer and passionate gardener about the pool at his home in Tangier, Morocco. "While I was determined not to remove any trees, I also knew I didn't want the look of an aboveground pool, so I designed the series of terraces to disguise this."



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Piña Colada outdoor Jacquard by RUBELLI; rubelli.com







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