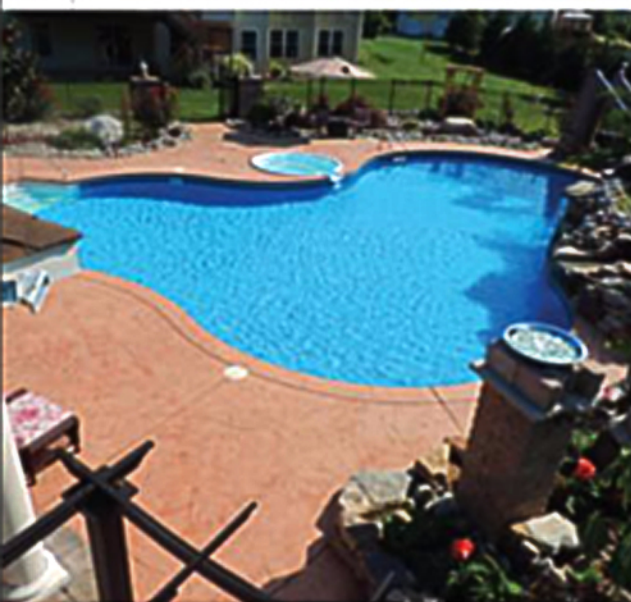


EYE CATCHERS

Interior and exterior design trends to make your home a one-of-a-kind destination

by Caleigh Ostrom



PRIVATE PARADISE

Bring interest and character to your pool with the latest technology and materials

Nicholas Pools in Toms River has been installing pools at New Jersey homes for more than 45 years. The company is known particularly for creating swimming areas and spas that incorporate the natural terrain and architectural style of their surroundings. Over the years, the company has built more than 3,000, and has become the go-to contractor along the Jersey Shore in Monmouth and Ocean counties—also famed for its new-season existing pool services of reassembling filter and pumps and shocking and restarting systems.

"The saltwater pool has become the norm in the area, along with features like automatic covers, sundecks, fountains, fire pots, special lighting, and automated controls," said Nicholas Pools Theodora Sergiou. 820 U.S. 9, Toms River, nicholaspools.com



designer charm

A member of the American Society of Interior Designers of New York and New Jersey, and recently awarded a "Best of Houzz 2017" for client satisfaction, Manhattan- and Sea Bright-based Virginia Tesi's goal is to make spaces that are at once functional and beautiful. She has worked in the interior design and fashion industries for more than 20 years, and specializes in furniture placement, color schemes, and paint selections, as well as in sourcing furniture and accessories.

"Acrylic or Lucite furniture is everywhere, in every shape and form," she explained of a gathering interior trend. "It works especially well in small spaces to make rooms look airy and uncluttered." Black-and-white selections are also becoming prominent, particularly in the kitchen, where black cabinets add drama to the space. Also popular are "tuxedo kitchens," with color-blocked cabinetry featuring white on the top units and black on the bottom. 315 Madison Avenue, Manhattan; 1540 Ocean Avenue, Sea Bright, tesidesign.com

outdoor oasis

Gone are the plastic and wrought iron patio furniture of our youth. Instead, step (and sit) into the future!



HAMPTON Sofa With Cushions in Driftwood Finish Hand-woven in driftwood-weathered resin wicker, this design has a Southern attitude in its neutral sandy tones. \$3,503, frontgate.com



TOMMY BAHAMA Island Estate Veranda Cocktail Table Crafted from all-weather aluminum to resemble leather-wrapped bamboo, this tabletop replicates the look of natural sandstone. \$2,299, frontgate.com

TAMSIN Chinois Daybed This Chinoiserie-inspired daybed has a canopy, cushions, and pillows for unwinding out of the sun. \$6,900; horchow.com



MIMI Morris Chaise Designed by Celerie Kemble, this lounge chair features an aluminum frame; its cushions are water-resistant, too, and easy to clean. \$2,825, horchow.com

