

# Creating A Backyard Oasis

Swimming pool shapes and designs have changed dramatically over the past 20 years. Not too many years ago, rectangle-shaped pools were the norm. Shortly thereafter, cutting-edge swimming pool builders began building kidney-shaped free form pools. These types of pools are quickly becoming a thing of the past. Swimming pool builders have become more and more creative, and the search for the perfect “backyard oasis” has grown the swimming pool industry changing the whole look and feel of a swimming pool. Aside from shape, one of the biggest changes that has occurred over the past 20 years is the installation of an attached spa to pools. Over 50% of the swimming pools that we build have spas attached to them. This makes the swimming pool more useful year-round. Spas are now typically raised above the elevation of the pool which creates a waterfall effect into the swimming pool.

In addition to changing the shape and attaching spas to pools, pool designers have also created the following:

## Natural Pool

The current trend is to make the backyard look like a dark lagoon surrounded by landscaping. This is done not only by designing a freeform shape that flows, but also by

using dark interior finish, flagstone coping surrounding the pool, and installing waterfalls or boulders on the pool. Natural pools are becoming more and more popular as the demand for a more unique and natural pool form increases.

## Vanishing-Edge Pool

The vanishing edge pool is common in areas that have more elevation changes than the Denton area, such as hillside construction, but it is still a design worth mentioning. The vanishing-edge pool is a pool design that is most often used to enhance a lake, ocean, or valley that is just beyond the pool. The back wall of the pool is lowered allowing the water to appear to fall into the background, making the pool and the background become one. In the ideal backyard, this is a beautiful design.

## Beach Entry Pool

Beach entry pools are pools that have a gradual walk-in entry into the pool, much like a beach into the ocean. It is great for small children, can be used as a shallow water tanning area, and can also give a pool that tropical beach look.

There are some extremely creative designers in the swimming pool industry that will continue to “take it up a notch” and design the next generation of pools in an attempt to create the perfect “backyard oasis”.



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