

BRAINSTORMING WORKSHEET: POOLS

Planning and executing a perfect pool project will require some basic direction for your designer. We want to combine your needs, with what the site will allow, and the skills of the designer to pull this off. Here are some of the elements we need to start this process – circle the things we should consider:

- Style:
 - Symmetrical: <A square, rectangle, circle, or combination shape that has a symmetrical axis—works best with automatic pool covers>
 - Structured Informal: <A combination of straight lines on angles that have no symmetry>
 - Curvilinear: <A combination of curves and radii which have an organic shape>

- Internal Features: Swim up seat ledge, Beach Entry, Swim up Bar, Lap-Length for exercise swimming, Volleyball / play-depth, Diving depth, Small child safety zones, other:

- Fountain/Noise Features: Rock waterfalls, Sheet-falls, Throw-ins (arched streams of water thrown in from the deck or landscape), Statuary (pouring), other:

- Activity Features: Diving board, Diving rock, Pool slide (modular or integrated into rock features), Endless swim jets, other:

- Lighting: Interior pool lights, Copping lights, Accent / Reflective lighting on features around the pool

- Decking: Concrete, Cool-Deck, Stained or Textured /Sealed Concrete, Pavers, Stone / Travertine, other:

- Copping & Sides: Concrete, Cast Concrete, Paver (Bull-nose), Stone (Irregular, Cut/Finished, Snapped Edge, Bull-nose), Tile Style/Color _____, other:

- Pool Wall Color: Lighter <more brilliant blues> OR Darker <more interesting reflection>

- Furniture Poolside (give quantities desired): Lounge Chairs _____ # Table & Chairs _____ #
 Living Room (Comfortable!) Seating: _____ Single# _____ Love Seat# Sofa _____ #
 Day-bed, Hammock, or Hanging Bed _____ # Coffee/Drink Table _____ # Potted Plants
 _____ # Other: _____

- Structures: Pergola, Gazebo, Porch, Cabana/Lanai, Pool-House, Outdoor Shower, Bathroom/ Shower, Storage, etc. Describe the function and/or number of people you would like to see for each:

- Fencing: Metal (color?) _____, Wood, Vinyl, Other:

- Fence Placement: Immediate (Isolate the pool), Area (Define the pool & landscape space / attach to house or other structure), Perimeter (Run fence to property line to maximize interior space)
- Desired Location of Pump: • Heater: Y or N
- Walls (if site requires): Brick, Stone, Segmental, Stucco, Other:
- Drainage Concerns: Gutters, Wet Basements/Crawls, Sheet-flow and Drainage pattern off/on site
- Septic Field Location (if applicable)—please have a diagram of your septic field ready for your designer; better yet, have the tank and field-lines marked by the septic tank contractor who installed the system prior to the design appointment. VERY CRITICAL for those with septic fields in the pool vicinity.
- Access: How do you intend for people to walk into the pool space? (Thru house, around side, etc.)
Will you need to access the pool/fence area with vehicles or large equipment?
- Privacy: Note all site lines you would like to block with either fencing or foliage
- Fire features: Fireplace, Fire-pit (wood), Fire-pit (gas), Fire-rocks/beds (gas), type of gas used?
- Landscape Considerations: **Formal** <clean simple lines and concepts>, **Minimalist** <use of grass, river rock, stone, with little foliage>, **Structured/Informal** <primarily evergreen – looks good year around>, **High Impact Color** <Lots of annuals, perennials, grasses, and flowering shrubs designed to look good during the summer only>, **Tropical** <same as High Impact Color but with tropical textures>, **Eastern woodlands** <Trees/Ferns/Rhododendron/Natives/Riverside>, **Beach**, Other: _____
- Landscape Maintenance Degree of Difficulty: High Medium Low
- Irrigation / Watering Systems:
- Other:

It is a good idea to have your site marked (call three working days ahead) for utilities that may come into play in the design. Dial 811 for this service.

Lastly, feel free to bookmark on-line pictures from Houzz or other web-sites to show your designer if you prefer a certain pool or certain features of a pool.