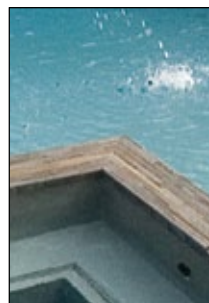




Clean & Serene

This stately North Shore pool makes a statement with classic lines and elegant tile



Every pool is a challenge. In this case, the competing exigencies were a finely appointed, yet multi-functional pool, a relatively small space, and a need to reflect the graceful character of the home and neighborhood – something understated, yet with details that satisfy the closest inspection.

The result is this fine example of classical architecture, a pool that would make any Roman patrician smile.

The basic lines were set in a classic rectangle, but the owners needed a venue for a variety of activities — soaking, diving, lap swimming, playing and sunning. Putting it all together in a simple design took some doing.

Initially, the homeowners wanted to do a 20 by 40 pool with the spa adjacent to the pool. They wanted automatic safety covers on both pool and spa for piece of mind as they have children. That could be done on the spa separately, of course, but having the spa in the pool made it simpler.

To maximize space Rosebrook Pools owner Jamie Ori recommended making the pool 45 feet long and flipping the spa into the pool. That way the cover could go over both pool and spa saving space and, creating a long swimming lane for anyone who wanting to do laps. In this configuration, the cover could be incorporated into the clean, classic look of the pool, with its hidden walk-on stone cover pit.

Putting together the color scheme was a similar process of harmonizing

desires and constraints. The walkway path with the tricolor scheme was already in place. The house was large, but the space in the backyard was tight, so Rosebrook continued with the same pattern on the pool deck, which gives it a more open look.

The bluestone coping and accent rock followed naturally with the gray in the deck pattern, complementing it but also giving it a little spice. In keeping with that overall palette, a French Grey Diamond Brite finish was used on the pool and spa plaster.

While the homeowner wanted it to be clean and traditional, she wanted some added interest, and that's where the hand-cut bluestone mosaic tiles came in for the spa and the tanning ledge. Rosebrook cut the tiles and laid the pattern with the owner present, creating a unique and personal look.

The end result is a pool that is very reflective of the home and surrounding area — clean, elegant, streamlined. Like the neighborhood, it's conservative and classic. ~

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