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# Hoffman Landscapes

Due to the architecture of the house, covered porch, and patio, this outdoor living area was all straight lines and squares before the pool was installed. The challenge was to create a space that would relieve the eye of all that visual strictness. The owners had one caveat, and it was an emotional one — the old apple tree in the center of the lawn was dear to their hearts and must not be touched.

Brian Cossari, Landscape Architect for Hoffman, created a pool and entertainment space that hugs the house and integrates seamlessly with the existing patio. The pool is a lushly curving free-form, which gives the eyes a welcome respite from tracing the many squares in the area. The free-form shape was merely a jump-

ing-off point, though, since Cossari's end vision for the pool was to create the look of a natural pond. Several design features accomplish that. At the far end, the pool meanders to a slightly elevated spa, whose infinity edge creates a small waterfall into the pool. Directly in line with the patio door, the waterfall creates the main focal point of the design and can be viewed from the kitchen table inside the house. In addition, pockets of plantings nestle right up to the pool's edge — as they would around a natural pond — and include phlox, fountain grass, Carl Forester grass, a hinoki cypress tree, and other pond-loving vegetation. Boulders sit casually around the pool's perimeter, serving the same purpose they do around real water-

ing holes — as diving rocks.

Light-colored quartzite pavers, laid in random patterns, offset the square pavers of the patio, and low fieldstone granite walls offer sun-warmed seating.

An environmentally-sensitive note: Many properties contain wetlands and this one was no exception. Hoffman created a rain garden to disperse and absorb run-off from the pool deck and prevent it from reaching the wetlands area of the property. ■

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