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# Pools & Spas: Ideas For Planning, Designing, And Landscaping



## Synopsis

Pools & Spas: Ideas for Planning, Designing, and Landscaping, offers ideas and advice through the complete process from pool/spa selection to creating an attractive landscaping environment. Over 300 inviting color photos and illustrations show the many options from infinity-edge pools to indoor swim spas; from built-ins to attractive above-ground pools. Valuable advice is included on site selection, materials, financing, and more.

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## Customer Reviews

Full of photographs of beautifully designed pools and spas set in various architectural environments, "Pools & Spas" is literally full of creative ideas if you are planning on adding a pool or spa to your home. However, the book does not stop with designs but also includes information on maintenance, various types of pool equipment, and even the process of installing an in ground pool. While the coverage of in ground pool installation is not detailed enough to do it yourself it does give you an idea of what is going on at the various stages so you know what to expect from your contractor. If you are even thinking of installing a pool or spa, whether in ground, above ground, or portable, you should pick up a copy of "Pools & Spas". It includes a lot of factors that you might overlook when planning your pool and everything you need to know to take care of it correctly when it is finished.

I borrowed this book from the library (too many pool books are not worth buying), and spent the rest of the night looking at it. Great photo examples of various types of pools that are described in detail,

along with chapters on Safety, Design, Landscaping, Materials, etc... One of the best! (Same review as Pool & Spa Planner by Better Homes & Gardens, because they are both great books!)

There are a lot of pretty home design books out there that have very little information tucked between the pictures. This book is full of information but also has a number of handsome photos of pools, spas, and water gardens which will give you ideas if you are planning a custom designed pool or tub. It's a great resource for someone thinking of installing these features in their backyard, and it also touches on landscaping, lighting, and even saunas.

Co-written by home improvement expert Fran Donegan and residential/commercial pools and spa expert David Short, *Pools & Spas: Ideas For Planning, Designing, And Landscaping* is a straightforward, user friendly, comprehensive guide which is written in a clear, highly accessible text which is enhanced throughout with full-color photography. Emphasizing safety, practical concerns, step-by-step precautions, installation, and maintenance, aboveground and in-ground installations, decking and landscaping, and so much more, *Pools & Spas* is an exceptional manual and very highly recommended for anyone who is considering adding a pool or a spa to their commercial or residential property.

We also borrowed this from the library, but found we didn't want to return it. We spent hours showing each other what pictures we really liked, got great tips on the issues the pool owner faces and have a real idea of what we need to consider. So, since we want to use this during the planning process, we bought it!

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