



A Tropical Pool Retreat

Add a Touch of the Tropics to Your Katy Backyard Oasis

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As hot Texas summer days approach, finding an oasis might be closer than you think. For Katy residents, a temporary getaway can be as easy as stepping out the back door and jumping into the pool. This summer, give your pool a touch of the tropics with popular pool trends, easy design elements, and more. Whether you're finally building your dream pool or you're looking to spruce up your at-home getaway, adding these tropical touches will transform your backyard into a summer paradise.



A Golden Glow

For a touch of luxury, add a warm glow to your backyard pool with golden lights.



Exotic Escape

Escape to the tropics with bold tropical plants, bright terracotta-colored stone, and a relaxing waterfall bordering the hot tub.

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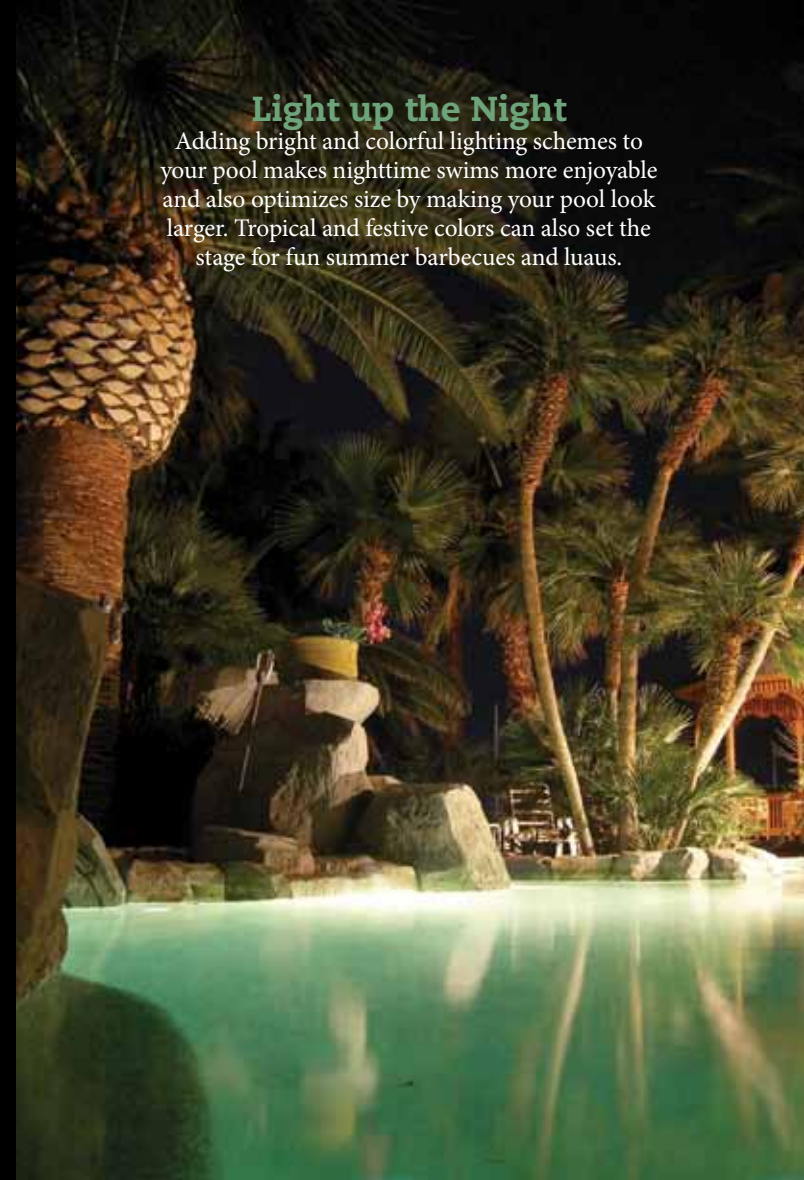
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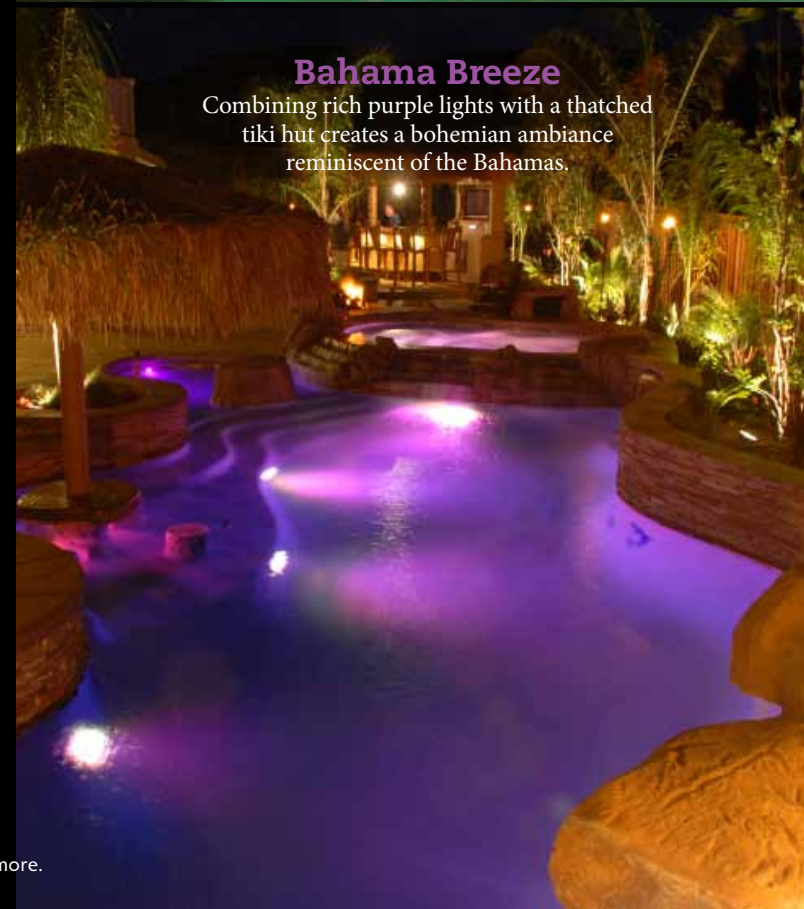
Light up the Night

Adding bright and colorful lighting schemes to your pool makes nighttime swims more enjoyable and also optimizes size by making your pool look larger. Tropical and festive colors can also set the stage for fun summer barbecues and luaus.



Bahama Breeze

Combining rich purple lights with a thatched tiki hut creates a bohemian ambiance reminiscent of the Bahamas.



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Luscious Landscape

Transforming your backyard to a tropical island can be done easily with landscaping. Add elephant ears or banana trees for leafy jungle greens. Tropical flowers, like hibiscus and plumeria, can add a pop of color to the space, with towering palm trees to complete the look.



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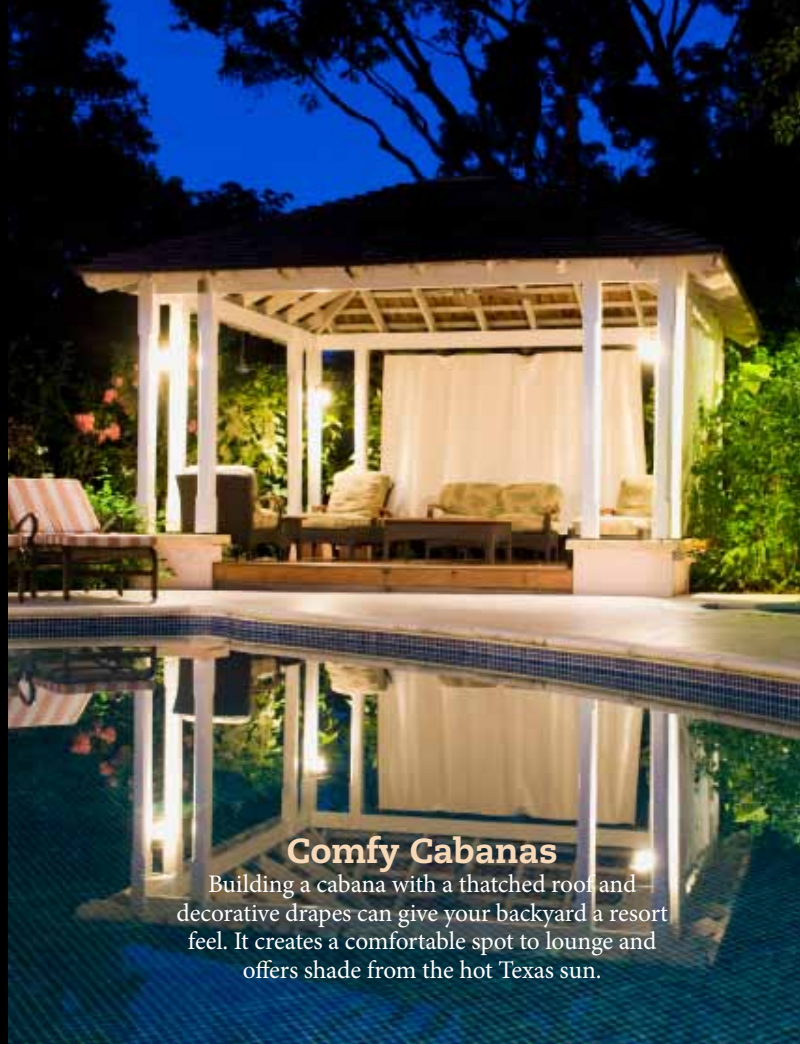
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Cascading Fountains

Accented by rust-colored fountains, water playfully splashes into the sleek white stone of this Hill Country-inspired pool. Bright summer blooms planted along the edges add to the light, fun feel of this backyard paradise.

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Rocky Falls

Building a waterfall into your pool design can recreate the sights and sounds of visiting a tropical waterfall, act as a focal point of the pool, or add a unique design element. Many pool companies offer the option of using fake or real rocks, allowing you to choose from a wide variety of colors, shapes, and sizes.

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Make an Entrance

Kid-friendly beach-entry pools and baja shelves, an oversized step eight to 12 inches underwater, are growing trends for personal pools.

The walk-in, sloping beach-entry gives homeowners the option of a sandy look or adding a design element with inlaid rocks. Baja shelves can be a great spot to place lounge chairs directly in the pool and enjoy the water without getting completely wet.

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