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Swimming Pools Need Landscaping Service

As more and more backyard swimming pools become part of the American scene, there is a growing demand for pool landscaping services and advice. Proper landscaping not only adds to the attractiveness of the pool area, but is an important factor in pool cleanliness and comfort.

In order to give pool owners throughout the country a guide to the proper landscaping of their pool area, Lancer Pools, Mineola, Long Island, manufacturer of fiberglass swimming pools, have devised a few basic and easy rules.

Hearty and attractive evergreens suitable for screening and high hedging around the swimming pool are Canadensis, Hemlock, Texas Cuspeda Capitata, Ilex Crenata Microphylla, Ilex Cornuta and Arbovitae.

Has Choice

For low hedging, the pool owner can choose among Texas Hatfieldi, Texas Hicksi or Andromeda. Evergreens should be selected carefully so that dropped foliage will not be prickly or sharp — such as holly, juniper or strictor.

For a low cost, effective summer screen, deciduous flowering shrubs, as well as flowering trees, may be used. They should be planted well back from the pool as the dropping of leaves and flowers add to the chore of keeping the pool clean.

Good choices for ornamental trees are Pink or White Dogwood, European Mountain Ash, White Birch, Flowering Crap Apple, Japanese Willow and a great variety of other.

Remember that flowers planted too close to the pool attract bees and other nuisance flying insects. Spent flowers will fall into the pool on windy days.

Ugly Banks

Ugly banks may be turned into beautiful rock or ledge gardens with a generous sprinkling of perennials for permanent settings. A liberal amount of annuals such as Verbena, Petunias, Phlox, Marigold, Ageratum or Sweet Alyssum should be included for color.

Some of the most desirable annuals that can be included for hilly areas are Geraniums, Fuschias, Begonias, Lantanas and Callas. In shaded areas, pool owners should select from Tuberous Begonias, Gloxemas and flat or creeping

evergreen.

Most swimming pool installations require fencing that can easily be brightened with vine type plants: Clematis, Trumpet, Vine, Wisteria and Rambler.

WALL DECORATIONS

New and novel wall decorations are easily achieved by selecting favorite travel and vacation family photos, trimming their edges and mounting them with glue on colorful maps of the locale where the photos were taken. Then cut the map to the size of the cardboard which exactly fits the picture frame — and viola a fashionable and fun-to-do decor note.

Kitchen Cabinets Offer Selection

Coordinated kitchens — styled in colonial or contemporary, in beautiful woods with natural or enamel finishes — offer the homemaker a wide selection of special purpose cabinets. Many of them can be "custom-designed" for a beautiful, convenient kitchen layout.

Recently introduced by Wood-Mode Kitchens is a "high-low" cabinet. Lower than standard counter height, it's ideal for sit-down chores or for use as a bathroom vanity cabinet. When mounted on attractive slim legs, becomes standard height.

A new utensil cabinet in the Wood-Mode line provides the most accessible place for ev-

ery kitchen "tool." Perforated Plywood panels make it easy to adjust hook hangers in the top compartment, accommodating all sizes and shapes of equipment or utensils.

Spacious Drawer

There's a spacious bottom drawer in the cabinet with adjustable dividers for compact storage of shallow items.

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BIRCH CABINETS

The Mengel company, long known for handsome furniture stylings, has just introduced its line of "Crestwood" birch cabinets which boast such furniture styling details as invisible hinges, rubber rollers on doors, drawers and trays and handsome furniture-type pulls.