



AN ALL-YEAR SWIMMING POOL can be built by careful planning within the reach of moderately-priced homeowners. Light-weight, truss-type rafters of Douglas fir support the roof over the pool. Fir or Western red cedar board-and-batten siding gives a rustic touch. Glassed wall sections permit a view of the pool from bedroom, dining or kitchen wing of the home.

Economical New Swimming Pool For Use All Of Year

Most of the 165 million Americans must settle for just a few short months of summer weather. The time is all too brief each year for them to enjoy outdoor swimming and other advantages usually associated with more tropical climates.

A number of ingenious U.S. architects may have found a way for many thousands more northern people to share the year-round pleasures enjoyed by residents of the southland.

These clever designers have come up with several plans for enclosing a low-cost but adequate swimming pool within a moderately priced contemporary home. The secret is in the design and in the floor plan.

An inexpensive home can be built so that it completely surrounds a swimming pool without interfering in any way with the usual functions of the home.

Most popular of the pool-within-a-home designs is the "U"-shaped floor plan. Three enclosing walls of the swimming pool are created automatically by the three walls of the "U"-shaped home facing the inner court. The fourth wall of the pool is generally a simple studded wall joining the two ends of the "U."

It is comparatively easy to design a lightweight, truss-type roof of Douglas fir dimension and small timbers to cover both the house and the pool.

Excavating for the pool should be done when the home is being

built and need cost no more than dirt removal for an ordinary basement. It is best to have concrete or fir-decked runways or lounging areas completely around the pool and joining with the walls of the home. What would normally be the exterior walls of the home become the enclosing walls for the swimming pool.

The pool is given a rustic and outdoor flavor if the walls around it are of western red cedar or Douglas fir and a board-and-batten siding pattern helps develop this theme. The truss-type rafters can be left exposed above the pool. Siding and rafters can be covered with heavy varnish or log-ger's oil to prevent moisture absorption.

In planning such a home, it has been found convenient to place the kitchen and dining facilities in the base of the "U," with one wing containing the bedrooms and the facing wing the utilities, playrooms, garage and warerooms. In most cases where swimming pools have been built, the families decided against basements, but found enough room on the main floor in the extended wings of the "U" design.

Some of these homes have been designed with a hallway along all three wings of the home, with plenty of glass wall space so that a view of the pool can be had from any part of the home. To give extra light to the pool, entire sec-

tions of the roof have been constructed of lucite material.

The tremendous flexibility of wood in modern design opens up all sorts of opportunities for planning a home like this. Douglas fir dimension lumber can be engineered in strong, long and light-weight trusses to carry any desirable span load, such as across the width of the pool, but without running the cost up to any degree. Several popular softwoods, so widely used in homes like this, add a distinctive outdoor theme which fits with the idea of an enclosed swimming pool. The real value of using Douglas fir, western red cedar or west coast hemlock for exterior finishing and siding is in the durability and long life of these woods.

If the pool water is kept heated, which is advisable during the winter months, then the enclosed pool area can become a wonderful growing area for all sorts of tropical plants and trees. They can be potted and arranged to simulate a tropical paradise.

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