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A Mediterranean-style pool area becomes a multi-purpose family-oriented space

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With two kids at home, Susan and David Matthews knew they wanted a pool and pool house to complement their residence in Little Rock's Hickory Creek area, and also to provide yard space for outdoor playtime. They turned to architect Scott Evans of Scott Evans Design, and he maximized the limited space by designing a multi-purpose Shangri-La, which was made a reality by Brooks Pools.

The well-designed space incorporates a seven-foot pool, a pool house and a covered patio area. "The project turned out even better than we imagined. From the running water feature to the elevated pool house and plenty of yard to play with, Scott was creative," Susan says. The covered veranda was extended from the house, and blue stone detailing was added to match the existing patio, while the Roman columns, a candelabra chandelier and an outdoor fireplace give a Mediterranean feel. A dining area outfitted with Lane Venture furnishings from Congo Shove & Patios in Benton helps complete the transformation into an outdoor room.

Originally designed as an open-air entertaining area, the pool house gradually expanded to include a full kitchen, living area and bath. Designer Tobit Fairley, owner of T. Lamarr Interiors in Little Rock, helped Susan develop the pool house's color scheme and overall design. Mint greens and antique yellows accented by bold fuchsia, sunny oranges and bright blues give the interior a cozy seaside atmosphere. Vibrant, durable furnishings by Maine Cottage, from martinisdykehome in Little Rock, offer plenty of spots to relax after a swim.

Currently, the pool area also doubles as the perfect playground. "We entertain a lot now that we have a pool. It's great for summer parties with friends, and the kids' birthday parties," Susan says. "As they grow older I think it will become a great place for them to invite their friends over." ■ SEE SOMETHING NEW FOR DETAILS



Extending from the house, the pool house is defined as a space with a kitchen, living area and arches. Inset: The specially designed table is perfect for a standard summer buffet. Many, like the raised outdoor fireplace, the dining area is a stark contrast of wood tones.

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