



IN-GROUND POOLS

Pool & Spa: A Winning Team

Squeezing both a pool and a spa into a backyard can be like assembling a jigsaw puzzle. Unless you put the parts together properly, you'll end up with pieces that don't fit. To solve their backyard space problems, these two families combined their pools and spas into neat-fitting packages.

With the space-efficient aquatic set-up, *above*, swimmers don't have to do the two-step across the patio to get from pool to spa. Even though their backyard is big enough to accommodate separate pool and spa areas, the land-

loving members of this family wanted to devote some of their yard space to lawn sports.

Outdoor entertaining is a breeze around the 32x16-foot pool. A barroom, bathroom, barbecue pit, and utility room are all conveniently located around the perimeter of the pool. The spa doubles as a fountain for parties.

Limited room on a steeply sloping lot made another family believe they would have to choose between building a pool or a spa. But by walling off a corner of their pool for a

spa, *right*, they now get the benefits of both swimming and soaking in the space that a pool alone would normally occupy.

The 18x36-foot, free-form pool is cantilevered over the hillside. Decking around the pool combines wood and exposed aggregate. Brick coping defines the spa area and the shallow end. A low fence, built of redwood 1x8s, provides protection from the drop-off. □

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