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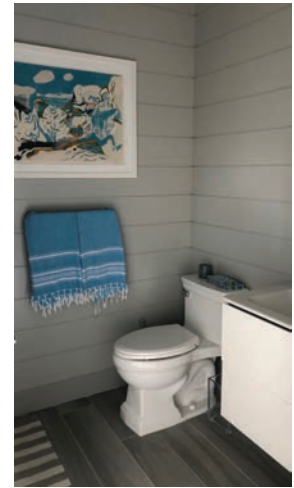


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Heavenly Heights

Pool houses, like this winning design by Clarity Home Interiors for a Darien family, are a chance to let loose a little with unfussy design decisions. While the main residence leans to the traditional side, this pool house flirts with a more modern and younger vibe, beckoning the family and their guests to lounge by the water. The design team played with dimensions to lend the smaller space a light and open feel. Instead of creating a longer structure that would encroach on the backyard, the team reached for height with a vaulted ceiling that lends the pool house a sense of grandeur. Two oversize features also link this space to the adjacent home: a two-story fireplace with a custom outdoor grill and lighting, and a large pergola that softens the pool house's front architecture.

Originally, the large pergola was meant to shelter a dining area, though the homeowners soon found themselves gravitating to the pool house as a more casual hangout spot. The team moved the more formal dining area to the stately pergola outside the main home and decked out the exterior of the pool house with Janus et Cie pieces that are a breezy spin on sophistication. While the inside of the main home adds bold patterns and colors to the mix, past the oversize French doors of the pool house you'll find a muted interior. The small kitchen, changing area and bathroom are awash in soft grays, from the porcelain floors to the shiplap walls. The design of this pool house hits a high note by offering a getaway that doesn't steal attention from the landscape and the pool paradise outside.



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opposite: A spacious lounge area is sited under the pool house's large pergola. **this page (clockwise from top left):** The kitchen inside has sleek cabinetry; the outdoor lounge area of the main house extends the exterior space; the pool house bath has a full shower, shiplap walls and porcelain tile from Torroco; the kitchen, with its gooseneck light fixture and deep farm sink, provides enough space for entertaining; the two-story brick chimney with its attached grill is another amenity to enjoy.



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kitchen design: trad/classic



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True Blue

A family living on a fifty-acre gentleman's farm in Redding needed a large-scale kitchen for cooking and daily meals as well as for entertaining large groups. With a masterful mix of materials and showstopping standouts, Clarity Home Interiors worked with the architect to transform this hub of a home from a functional space into a work of art. The most challenging architectural aspect is perhaps the most striking—the steel-and-glass feature wall with a floating ventilation system. As the optimal design layout called for the cooktop and stove to be placed on this wall, the team found a sleek hood that worked well. This feature wall opens the view to the custom floating steel-and-wood staircase beyond, and the peacock blue BlueStar range brings a burst of color that's echoed in the

handmade wall tiles that run from the counter to the ceiling. The height of the space, with its ten-foot ceilings and open layout that flows to the dining and family rooms, also provided a challenge to scale. The cabinets run from floor to ceiling—with custom ladders throughout to allow the homeowners to reach the top shelves—and wood ceiling beams create a sense of cohesion that unites the three spaces. The edges of the Pietra del Cardosa countertops are detailed with a groove designed by Clarity Home to evoke machinery, a challenging yet subtle detail that the team worked with Connecticut Stone to create. The custom nickel pot rack lends a slight old-world feel and showcases the clients' collection of copper pots and pans as a dangling art installation.

opposite: A full view of the kitchen captures counter-to-ceiling walls of handmade tile, floor-to-ceiling cabinetry and a custom nickel pot rack.

this page (clockwise from top right): The custom BlueStar range in peacock blue sits beneath the striking feature wall of steel and glass; a nook houses additional storage and a desk area; the Pietra del Cardosa countertops were finished with a coin-edge detail.



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This new home in Darien was like a pristine whiteboard when the clients purchased it. For the home's double-foyer entry, the design team, who had worked with the homeowners on other projects, saw the opportunity to inject some color, feature artwork and connect the rooms open to it. Functioning as a corridor leading from the front of the home to the back, the entry connects the living room, dining room, den and a grand set of back stairs. For the front entry, vivid blue lacquered walls reflect the personality and style of the clients, and a jewel-like floor pattern custom-designed by Clarity Home Interiors and hand-painted by artist Christopher Rollinson, provides a dramatic and unique element. The back entry bears a more subdued palette of whites and a custom gray, while a rug and carpeting on the stairs finish off the space. Both feature compelling art.



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