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Poolside Life

DRYING OFF IN A PERSONAL POOL HOUSE IS THE ULTIMATE STATEMENT OF LUXURY. HERE'S HOW TO DO IT WITH STYLE.



Rick and Cindy Black Architects' Poolside Flat. Pool and house built by Risinger Homes.

A West Lake Hills pool house by Murray Legge of LZT Architects.

Steinbomer Bramwell & Vrazel Architects' Tarrytown Pavillion, constructed by MG Construction. Pool built by Jim Mowry.

Architect Murray Legge made jaws drop when he showcased his garden-covered design during last year's AIA Homes Tour, and is just one example of awesome Austin pool houses. The structure is meant to "echo the surrounding hills," says Legge, with a roof that doubles as the homeowners' lush plant garden.

Steinbomer Bramwell & Vrazel Architect's mid-century mod pavilion functions as a pool house, guesthouse, office and art gallery—all under one roof.

Meanwhile, Rick and Cindy Black Architects' Travis Heights pool house plays the role of guesthouse, home office and cabana. There are two bedrooms, a bathroom, kitchen, living area and laundry connection. Four sets of double doors open to transform the pool house and backyard into one shady oasis. ■



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