



A Cliffside Retreat

Creating a 'wow' factor

To take full advantage of dramatic ocean views, this client who owned property on the coastline in West Vancouver, British Columbia, enlisted Aloha Pools Ltd., in Burnaby to work their magic and give them just what they wanted.

The property, which has many natural features such as a steep incline and rocky outcroppings, offers an outstanding view.

To take advantage of this, both the swimming pool and home had to be built as high as possible on the property. The first goal was to construct several retaining walls totaling 5.5 m (18 ft.) in height to build up the grade to the pool deck level, while the second goal was to integrate and highlight the natural features of the property by employing faux rock finishes to match existing rock structures.

Aloha also had to take into consideration that the client's young children would be using the pool, so a 4.3 m x 7.6 m (14 ft. x 25 ft.) concrete, vanishing-edge 'games' pool was installed featuring two 1.1 m (3.5 ft.) shallow ends with a 1.5 m (5 ft.) deep area situated in the centre.

At one end of the pool, which is finished with white plaster, a small, semi-circle wading area was designed for the client's toddlers to play in. To prevent this feature from dominating the pool, the wading area is integrated into a small waterfall area so it can double as a water feature.

The pool is also equipped with an automatic pool cover that is concealed under a custom-built, walk-on lid, which matches the stamped concrete deck around the pool.

Aloha also installed an acrylic hot tub, near the pool, which is completely encased in faux rock to match the natural outcroppings found on other parts of the property.

Working with Aloha Pools on this project were Pacific Built Homes (deck and retaining walls), Coverstar Canada (automatic pool cover) and Terra Forma Design Group (artificial rock).

Special Design Elements

- Faux rock finishes used to highlight natural features of the property
- Vanishing-edge 'games' pool features two 1.1 m (3.5 ft.) shallow ends
- Small semi-circle wading area also doubles as a water feature
- Stamped concrete pool deck with co-ordinating glass/wood railing

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