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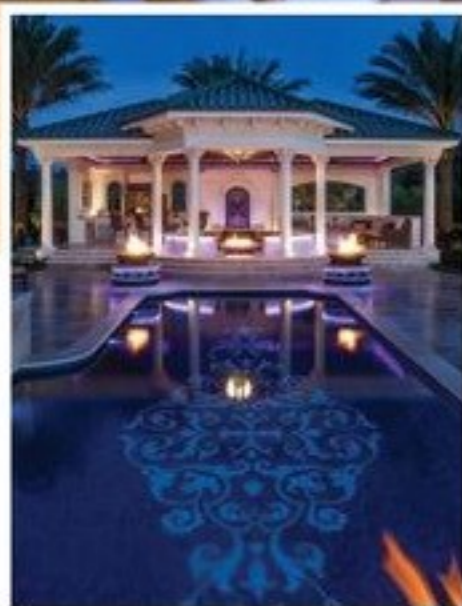
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Top: Multiple levels of luxury outdoor living have been created by Ryan Hughes in this 10,000 square foot wonderland of rushing water, blazing light, and artistry of tile. The 3,000 square feet of water moves from level to level adding interest and spectacular views along the way.

Right: The beauty and functionality of the swimming pools and outdoor rooms from Ryan Hughes Design/Build include personally designed spaces created for enjoyment no matter the desired use, locale, or season.

Artistry of Space

RYAN HUGHES DESIGN/BUILD INC.

➔ Offering a fresh new perspective on outdoor living and the spaces that accommodate it, Ryan Hughes Design Build is a second-generation company reborn for the 21st century. Ryan Hughes and his team's work can be found in intimate to over-the-top outdoor living spaces and award-winning swimming pools across the United States and Canada.

Among the firm's specialties is the ability to capture a client's unique vision. By creating intimate settings that fit beautifully with the surrounding environs, Ryan Hughes has become known for what he terms "artistry of space." Signature

design elements include state-of-the-art water and fire features, custom stonework, and sophisticated landscape plantings—all of which blend together to brilliant effect.

With a recent multi-million-dollar outdoor living complex, the term unique is an understatement. Within the 10,000 square feet of outdoor opulence, this creatively and structurally complex project included spectacular engineering and elements for outdoor enjoyment for which Ryan Hughes has become known. Breath-taking sight lines and opulent details came together once again for

the Hughes team known for diverse and inspired projects worthy of industry awards and inclusion in international design books.

Offering the services of a licensed pool contractor, as well as landscape design and architecture expertise, the team specializes in pool engineering, pool construction, and outdoor living space management. Promising knowledge of the finest outdoor elements, clients can expect harmonious gathering places that are logical and aesthetically pleasing extensions of interior rooms.

The scope of their designs encompasses everything outside the walls of the home, from the hard-and-softscapes to the outdoor furnishings. Their highly customized pools and spas are truly marvels to behold. Both the science and art of outdoor design are evidenced in Hughes' work.

With years of collective design-build experience, the firm delivers advance technical knowledge coupled with top line automation systems, progressive outdoor light, and audio-visual systems. They are also skilled at creating dynamic outdoor kitchens. Ryan Hughes also offers his unique pool designs as well as engineering and construction consultation services through collaborative associations with select outdoor living architects.

In short, the homeowners looking for the ultimate in outdoor getaway, Ryan Hughes Design/Build is the firm to contact. ■

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DISTINCTIVE DESIGNS

Beyond the rectangle. Dive into these unique pool shapes and designs.

BY KILEY JACQUES

➔ According to pool designer Ryan Hughes, “Shape is one of the first fundamental design decisions that needs to be made.” Though rectilinear pools have taken center stage for nearly a decade, there is a budding trend toward free-form shapes. Designers note the flexibility and creative freedom inherent in more organic forms, often described as relaxed, social, friendly, and inviting. So how does the curvilinear pool measure up? We’ve asked four industry pros to share a project illustrating the form’s versatility and staying power.

Don Goldstone, owner of Los Angeles-based Ultimate Water Creations, describes a project located on a small lot in North Hollywood. “It’s a completely naturalistic, free-form pool with many ins and outs that make it look like a real pond,” he says. Goldstone’s signature artificial rocks line the entire perimeter and reach into the pool itself. He feels strongly that his reinforced solid concrete stonework plays a key role in creating an effective naturalistic setting. He enhanced the free-form shape with planter pockets that can be watered, drained, and lit without disturbing the plants.

Though space was constricted, Goldstone managed to add a spacious 32-foot-long gunite pool with multiple waterfalls, which are heated to 100 degrees. One waterfall cascades over the spa, creating a hot shower effect that doubles as a massage opportunity. Other design elements include a covered patio, elevated deck, uplighting for a nighttime waterfall display, and superior finishes, such as the interior glass bead by Pebble Tec chosen for its resistance to fading and discoloring. The exterior finish, a combination of natural flagstone and cobblestone, ties in with the house. All pool equipment is located behind the spa and waterfall grotto area for soundproofing, plus quick and easy access.

This free-form pool was designed and built by Ultimate Water Creations.

photograph courtesy of Ultimate Water Creations

This project points to Goldstone's flair for evoking what he calls "one emotional feeling." By harmonizing hard- and soft-scape materials, as well as water sounds, his designs offer a cohesive, immersive experience. "It's a puzzle—when you put all of the pieces together, it looks great," he says. "If you are missing some of the pieces, it doesn't work." ultimatewatercreations.net

Sited in a suburb of Tampa, "Pur Infinity" by Ryan Hughes—principal of Ryan Hughes Design/Build in Palm Harbor, Florida—is an APSP award-winning project notable for its distinct vanishing edge, which bleeds off into the wooded setting rather than a more traditional water view. The pool area is described as "a multifunction oasis, where relaxation and entertainment can be experienced in an elegant yet protected space."

Hughes names two main factors that influenced the design. First was the clients' relaxed style, which shies away from modern design elements. Second was the setting: The house sits high and backs up to a nature reserve. "We wanted to really force the pool water out into the reserve," Hughes explains. "That's what inspired the pool's large convex backside—it really forces your perspective out into that beautiful backdrop, and in reverse it [turns] that backdrop [of trees into a] reflection on the water."

The clients' wish list included a fireplace and seating area in a more traditional style, as well as a columned pergola over an outdoor kitchen with ambient and direct lighting. They also decided to include a decorative tile gas fire feature. Hughes incorporated curvilinear areas to bring in "a bit of true geometry," so the project wouldn't be amebic in shape. According to Hughes, the challenge was making linear and biomorphic styles work together. Because the home's backside is one straight line he felt he couldn't



A multifunction oasis by Ryan Hughes Design/Build



add a completely free-form pool without sacrificing continuity. Hence, the kitchen/pergola area and sundeck mirror the lines of the house.

Marble tiling and cast-aluminum cushioned seating by Castelle help to unify

the sprawling outdoor living area. The custom spa and infinity pool are finished in Blue Sapphire glass tile by Ezarri Mosaico (imported from Spain and made from recycled windshield glass), while the pool's dark bottom is Pebble Tec's Ocean Blue.