

DELICIOUS DETAILS

ONCE THE AQUA Choice judges have made their decisions, the remaining entries leave us with an embarrassment of pool-idea riches. Here are some of the details that caught the editor's eye.



DISTINGUISHED POOLS, INC

POWAY, CA

THE COMBINATION OF stone, recycled glass tile and tumbling water is what makes this weeping wall special.

Custom-made Polaris water nozzles – one spanning 14 feet and two spanning seven feet each – deliver the water to the wall. Distinguished Pools hand fabricated each piece of coping that covers the water nozzles, creating a veneer that hides the mechanics while keeping the full face of the tumbled stone cap to maintain unity with the surrounding coping. Dark gray plaster keeps the water a soothing blue and makes the whole effect unique.

"The homeowner told me that the way the wet wall looked when the water gently tumbled over the ledger stone into the water below was exactly what she had been picturing in her mind." — DAN RAMOS, BUILDER

ROSEBROOK POOLS, INC. | LIBERTYVILLE, ILL.

THE MONUMENTAL HEARTH and open fireplace acts as an exclamation point at the edge of this pool. Black onyx Diamondbrite surface in the pool and spa facilitates the bold reflections.



HIPPO POOLS | GRANADA HILLS, CALIF.

SET ATOP A three-story Mediterranean-modern home, this manufactured pool and portable spa make the most of a small space and a dramatic view. Hippo custom fabricated dual vanishing edges and reinforced the fiberglass shell so the pool is free standing, thus maximizing the limited space.