

The white picket fence seen from the back of the house encloses the pool area. Ornamental grasses and a Japanese lilac tree are among the plantings that enliven the view.



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Above: The pool deck is composed of patterned bluestone that leads to a pergola at right and, straight ahead, to a raised spa that fronts the pool house. Two raised planters flank the spa.

Left: The outdoor dining room chairs — sitting under the pergola in the pool area — feature an ikat pattern in blue and green.



Opposite top: Interior designer Suzette Donleavy and the homeowner chose cast iron outdoor furniture — durable yet fashionable — for the back porch and a bold green and blue palette for the cushion fabrics.

Opposite bottom: A whimsical boxwood “sofa” is a folly that enlivens a shaded area on a side of the home’s front driveway. “It’s another destination” in the landscape, Howard Roberts says.


that leads to the pool area, a rear lawn terrace and garden off the home’s rear porches, and the pool area itself with a pool house, raised spa, outdoor fireplace and pergola.

Throughout these spaces there’s a “constant succession of color,” Roberts says. The plantings include hundreds of rose bushes and many varieties of perennials in the homeowner’s favorite shades of pastel pink, blue and yellow as well as white.

‘FASHION-STATEMENT’ FABRICS

Outdoor furniture and fabrics played a large role in the landscape’s color scheme. Suzette Donleavy of Well-Designed Interiors in Rumson designed the home’s interior and also worked with the homeowner on the selection of the furniture, fabrics and colors for the outdoor spaces.

The pair decided to make a “fashion statement” with their choice of a bold, lively color scheme. Inspired by the homeowner’s Caribbean travels, they settled on a combination of blues and greens in medallion and ikat patterns along with some solids.

Donleavy says the patterns are from Trina Turk’s collection of indoor/outdoor fabrics for F. Schumacher. The collection “reflects the designer’s love of vintage apparel, pattern and vivid color that appealed to us both,” Donleavy says. The solids are Sunbrella fabrics. The furniture itself is cast aluminum, durable yet fashionable. Donleavy selected pillows from the Grandinroad catalog to complete the look. 

SOURCES landscape, Cross River Design in Annandale, Liquid Inc./Liquidscapes in Pittstown; outdoor furnishings, Well-Designed Interiors in Rumson; architect, Cathy D. Zukerman of CDZ Architects in Red Bank; builder, Neighbor & Groves in Wall; garden and property maintenance, Ruth Dunwell of Sophie’s Garden in Phillipsburg; outdoor furniture, Cast Classics in Ridgefield; outdoor fabrics, F. Schumacher in New York City, Sunbrella in Glen Raven, North Carolina, and Grandinroad in West Chester, Ohio.

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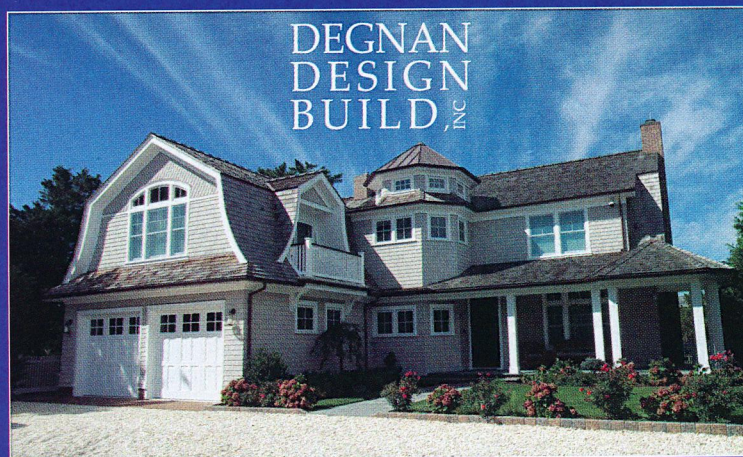
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