



SPACES

TO INFINITY
AND BEYOND

Annapolis architects Purple Cherry got a two-part assignment from the owners of this 14,000-square-foot home—an indoor pool design that would make exercise more inviting and at the same time maximize the home's dramatic location at the edge of the Chesapeake Bay. The resulting timberframe addition does all that and more.

Expansive walls of glass extend the horizon out to the water of Aberdeen Creek, creating an indoor “infinity” effect. Raised wood beams crisscross the ceiling in a reference to the adjacent 3,500-square-foot “car collection barn” that Cherry had previously designed on the 5-acre property. (At night, when the Bay is not visible, the antique cars

can be seen through the glass.) In one bold stroke, the new pool manages to unify the property and glamorize its natural surroundings.

At the gable end of the pool barn, a stone fireplace lends sensuality and warmth to the room. Slim arcs of LED-lit water provide spa-like tranquility with a barely-there trickle of sound. Working

with the client throughout the project, principal architect Cathy Cherry, notes “the ambience created by the warmth of the wood, the intensity of the blue-infused pool water, and the white light of the flaming fire.” Discreet lighting highlights tribal artifacts, which are part of the owner’s art collection. □ —CYNTHIA MCINTYRE

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HIGHLIGHTS

Vintage Tiki Statues
Carved by Charles Burgess of Gainesville, Fla.

Antique African Sculpture
From the owner’s collection.

Stone Mantel
Designed by Purple Cherry.

Flooring
‘Oceanic blue’ bluestone.

Timber Structures
Built by Maine Barn Company.

General Contractor
Pilli Custom Homes.