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Inviting Oasis

Capturing the colonial styling of the main residence with its varied roofline, stone façade, and columns was the controlling design aesthetic for this Allendale pool house, says architect Fred Klenk, a member of the American Institute of Architects. A 10-foot ceiling gives the 24-by-13-foot interior a sense of volume with myriad features: a kitchen, laundry zone, bathroom, and storage closets for towels, pool equipment, and supplies. In conjunction there is an outdoor shower, open patio layout, and kitchen for entertaining large crowds. The patio and pool coping are gray Tennessee Crab Orchard stone, says Bill Moore, a certified landscape architect with Cipriano Landscape Design. "Each stone was chiseled and cut on-site to ensure a snug fit with consistent mortar joints," he says. Bringing the plantings close to the water and extending boulders from the waterfall into the landscape was paramount in achieving the desired natural look, Moore says. Incorporating vertical elements such as palm trees, hedges, and light posts "provides interest and breaks up the space to a more human scale," he adds.

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