

# The Suite Life

Breezy coastal decor makes this combo guest and pool house by Toronto design studio Fontana & Dames a picture-perfect poolside destination. **TEXT** KATIE HAYDEN **PHOTOGRAPHY** PATRICK BILLER

## Weekend Welcome

Faced with a horde of overnight visitors, the owners of this Aberfoyle, Ont., country property called in designers Romina Tina Fontana and Jenny Dames to transform their pool house/storage space into an inviting guest cottage — in less than a week!

## Double Duty

They designed a charming new space that functions both as a stylish pool house and a cozy private retreat for overnight guests. “Romina and Jenny took all of the stress out of this project and turned our vision into a reality in record time!” says the owner.

## Divide and Conquer

The designers divvied the pool house’s tiny square footage (28-by-15-feet) into kitchen and bedroom zones to boost function, then layered the spaces with Scandi-style blond woods and classic-modern shapes to imbue a fresh, modern look with a dash of luxury.

## Details, Details

When a space serves so many purposes, every design decision has impact. In the kitchen area, wall hooks keep damp piles of towels off the floor. A huge mirror lets houseguests and pool party attendees check hair and makeup. The island’s butcher block top gives it the feel of a rustic harvest table and baskets of table linens and dining supplies stored in the island are easy to tote out to the pool.

## Sleep Tight

The guest house’s crisp, clean aesthetic gives overnight guests the feeling they’re in a cozy boutique hotel. Blue and white linens evoke a nautical look and summery wicker accents amp up the relaxed beachy mood.



**DESIGN**, Fontana & Dames; **PILLOWS, TOWELS**, Tonic Living; Chilewich **KITCHEN RUNNER**, Ziggy’s At Home; cotton **RUG** (bedroom area), The Jacaranda Tree; **KITCHEN ISLAND, TOWEL HOOKS**, IKEA; **WISHBONE STOOLS**, Gfurn; **PADDLE**, Muskoka Cottage.

