

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

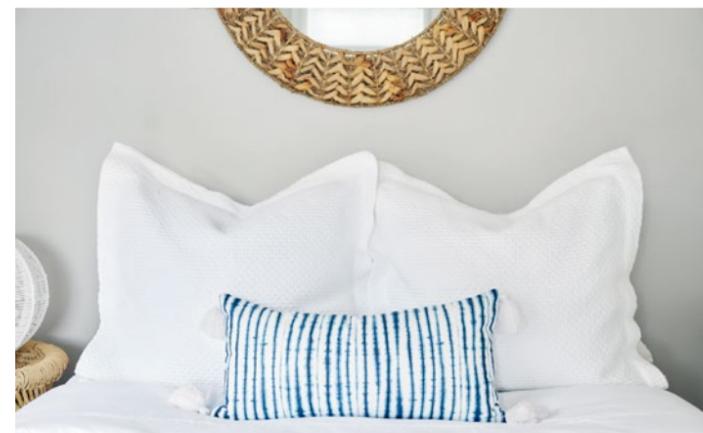
The designers divvied the pool house’s tiny square footage (28-by-15-feet) into kitchen and bedroom zones to boost function, then layered the spaces with Scandi-style blond woods and classic-modern shapes to imbue a fresh, modern look with a dash of luxury.

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.