

Just Relax

Juan Tamarit, the Lowcountry's king of eclectic home fashion, gets a swimming pool that reflects his modern, vibrant style.

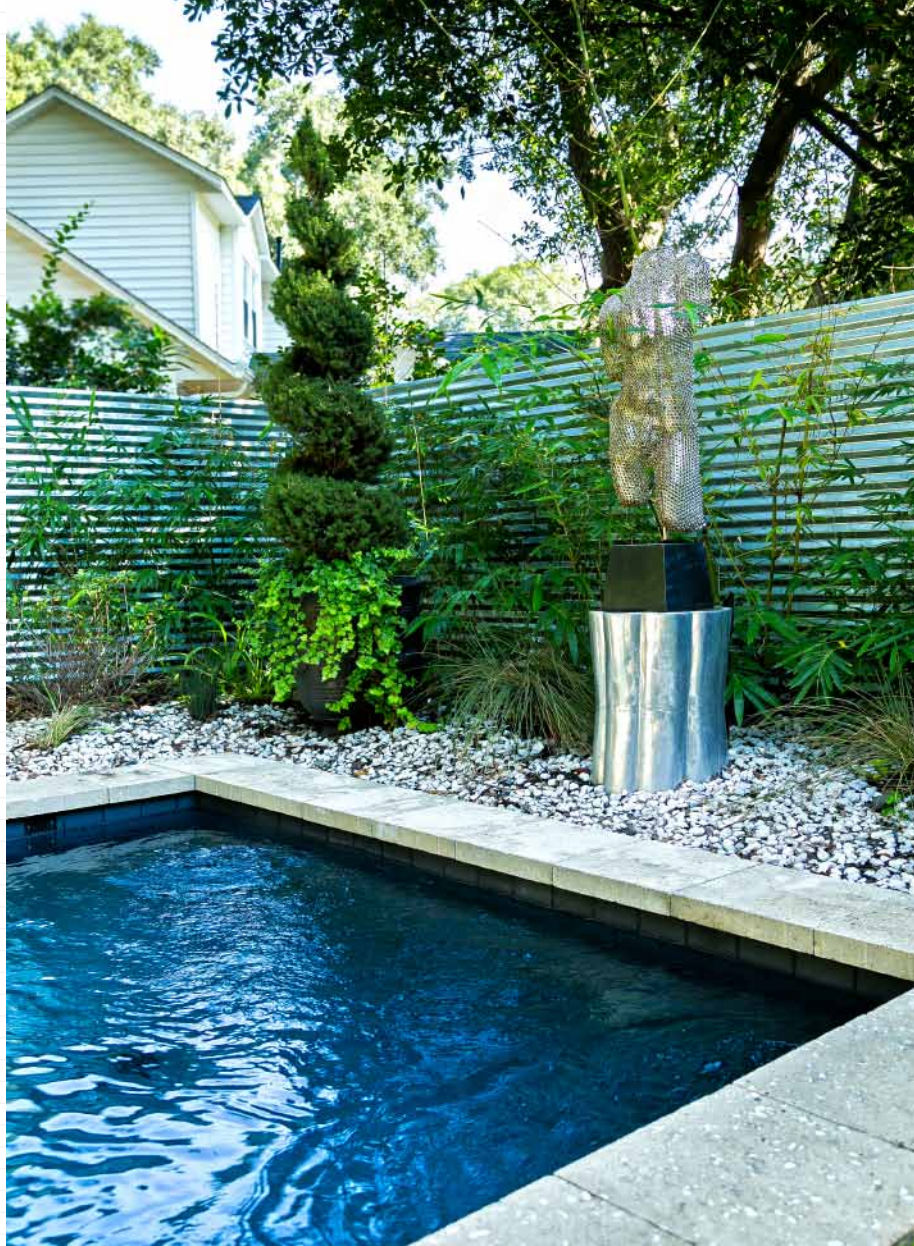
Soon after moving into his James Island house, Juan began to dream of a pool, and because he had worked with Aqua Blue Pools in the past, he gave Vice President Clint Fore a call to create and install his new oasis. Juan explains, "Clint and I wanted to create a pool that was totally different. We wanted it to incorporate nature and be minimalistic and industrial to match my house's trim and the fence. We did not want a typical kidney-shaped pool." Juan lived in Asia for many

years, and he also desired for his yard to reflect a philosophy championed by the Amanpuri resort in Phuket that calls for basic designs that mimic natural environments. To achieve this complete aura, Clint recommended simplicity all around with a rectangular design and purposefully unfinished pavers and tiles to add interest.

While Juan is a huge proponent of relaxing in a natural environment, the pool also serves as a centerpiece for



Juan Tamarit with Clint Fore of Aqua Blue Pools



(left) Juan has a knack for style; he chose to accent his simple, modern pool with black-and-white patterned furniture and accessories. *(above)* The pool coping features purposefully unfinished tiles to correspond with Juan's desire for a natural setting.

entertaining, and the duo designed it to adhere to such a dual purpose. "It's about having fun. This is not a deep pool, which is a great idea because regardless of how much partying you want to do, your head is always above water," Juan describes. Due to its shallow construction, the pool is a bit safer than deeper installations.

Oftentimes, when juggling the decision of owning a pool, homeowners

weigh the fun and relaxing aspects against the hassle of its upkeep. For Juan, this is no conundrum. He says, "I feel very strongly that, in an environment like Charleston, a pool should not be a luxury. It should be standard. It's relaxing, and its care is simple. They [the team at Aqua Blue] take care of it." Juan works with Aqua Blue's professionals (who come to his home weekly) to keep his slice of

paradise clean. They use a simple chlorination treatment, which was the best choice for such a small installation. Clint details, "We vacuum and check all the pool chemistry and equipment to make sure everything is running smoothly. If a storm comes through, one of our guys will come out with a net to clean up. There is also a robot [which Juan has named *Stanley*] that roams around the pool



(above) Aqua Blue Pools installed a simple plunge pool with a traditional chlorine sanitation system for homeowner Juan. (left) Juan believes that pools such as his—simple and small, yet beautiful—should be a staple for Lowcountry living, not a luxury.

between cleanings to pick up any debris.” At the end of the day, Juan can relax—or party—without worry in a clean pool designed to suit his eclectic tastes. ❖

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