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A Pool House Redo in Bedford, N.Y.

A pair of Manhattanites embarked on a complete overhaul of their Westchester County retreat, including a 400-square-foot pool house



Attorney Chris Lacovara and nurse practitioner Sam Green recently completed an overhaul of their Bedford, N.Y., property, including a renovation of their 400-square-foot pool house.

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Wildwood is a sprawling, 20-acre Bedford, N.Y., estate originally built by architect Charles Wetmore—who with Whitney Warren designed the New York Yacht Club and collaborated on the design of Grand Central Station.



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The grounds—which include a seven-bedroom stone dwelling punctuated with a tennis court, guest cottage, pool and pool house—sold in 2018 for \$4.8 million to attorney Chris Lacovara and nurse practitioner Sam Green. Normally Manhattanites, the couple and their 4-year-old twins have been living primarily here since the pandemic. And in a stroke of good timing, this spring the pair completed an overhaul of their property, including a renovation of their 400-square-foot pool house.

“We wanted to keep it traditional, but make it a place where we could be Zen,” Mr. Green says of the overall redo. That calm extends to the pool house interior where the bathroom, kitchen, changing room and sitting area were all updated for the 21st century.

“Everything was designed with a purpose that was functional, intelligent and incredible looking,” says Connecticut-based interior designer Christina Roughan, who was tasked with decorating all the interiors.

1. Structural repairs were made to existing window and door trim, rotted cedar siding was replaced and fresh paint was added on the exterior. Inside, walls were taken down to the studs, and mechanical systems including plumbing were reworked to hook up a Sub-Zero icemaker and refrigerator drawers in the kitchen. Rotted beams in the roof system were replaced, and new moldings were added. *Price: \$200,000 from Apex Projects*

2. A rattan mirror was hung to add texture and reflect light into the space, accentuating the height of the historic ceiling. *Price: \$1,750*

3. A custom banquette by Ms. Roughan upholstered in outdoor fabric in cool blues and greys is wide enough to accommodate an overnight guest or afternoon nap. Kravet velvet outdoor fabric was specified on pillows and trimmed with Samuel & Sons pom poms. *Price: \$1,000 (\$250 each)*

4. Fixtures include a pair of polished brass Long Acre sconces from Circa Lighting. *Price: \$800 for the pair*

5. Two turquoise hand-made ceramic stools add color and serve as cocktail tables or additional seating inside or out on the patio. *Price: \$770 (\$385 each)*

6. The existing bluestone floor was repaired, then professionally cleaned and sealed. To protect the surface and add visual texture, Ms. Roughan installed Stark’s Twila outdoor carpet in soft taupe. *Price: \$2,600*

7. Ms. Roughan fell in love with the Rothko-inspired abstract painting in soft pink mixed with blue hues echoing the pool. “Refrack Color” by Connecticut artist Donna Benedetto. *Price: \$3,200*

8. Restoration Hardware metal console. *Price: \$1800*

9. The topiaries are by Diane James. *Price: \$600 (\$300 each)*

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