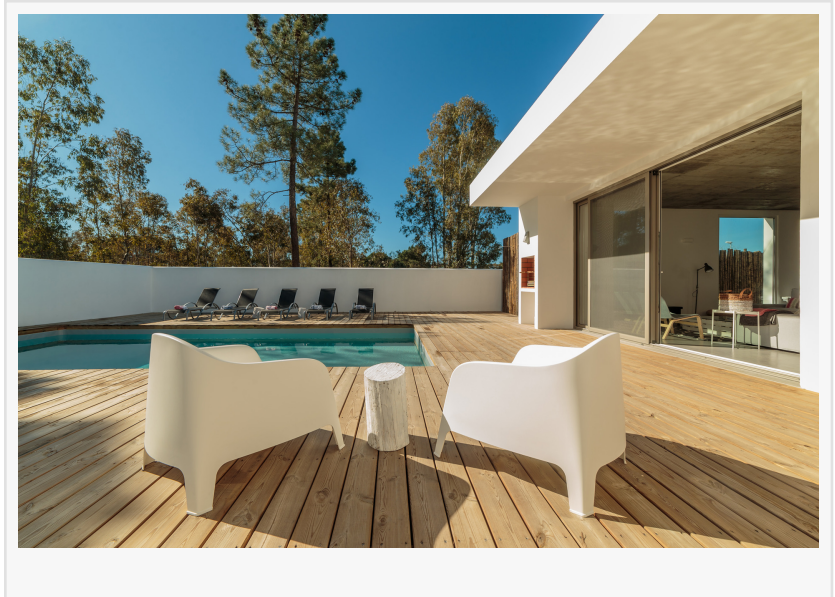


# Maximizing Outdoor Living with Southern Pool Designs

METAIRIE, LA, UNITED STATES, January 9, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Pools are a defining feature of many Southern homes, offering homeowners a space to cool off during hot summers and a focal point for outdoor entertainment. As the popularity of custom-designed pools grows, so does the variety of styles and features that cater to the unique needs of Southern living. [William Gunzburg](#), owner of [Kingfish Pools Inc.](#) in Metairie, Louisiana, shares insights into some of the most sought-after pool designs that are perfectly suited for homes in the South.



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## Design Features Shaping Southern Pools

### 1. Freeform Pools

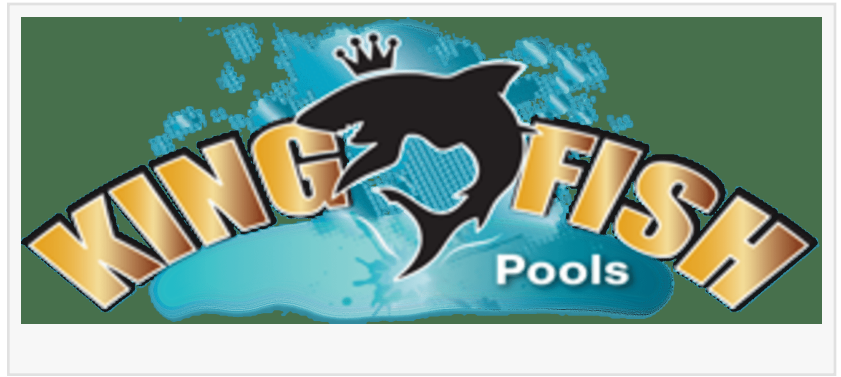
Freeform pools are popular among homeowners seeking a natural, relaxed look. Characterized by their irregular shapes and flowing lines, these pools often include features like rock formations, waterfalls, and integrated landscaping. Freeform designs work well with Southern

gardens, creating a seamless transition between the pool and the surrounding yard.

This style is particularly appealing in areas with lush greenery, as it enhances the feeling of being in a private retreat. Freeform pools are versatile, offering options for various depths and seating areas that suit both swimmers and loungers.

## 2. Geometric Pools

For a more contemporary aesthetic, geometric pools with clean, defined edges remain a top choice. These pools often feature straight lines, sharp angles, and sleek finishes, making them ideal for modern homes or properties with minimalist landscaping.



Geometric pools can be paired with striking materials like travertine or polished concrete for the deck, providing a sophisticated look. Many Southern homeowners incorporate infinity edges, especially in areas with scenic views, to add an element of luxury.

## 3. Plunge Pools

Compact and efficient, plunge pools are becoming increasingly popular in urban and suburban settings where space is limited. These smaller pools are designed for relaxation rather than swimming, making them perfect for homeowners looking to cool off without the need for a large backyard.

Plunge pools can be customized with jets for a spa-like experience or creative lighting to enhance evening use. Their smaller footprint also makes them more cost-effective to maintain, a practical consideration in the humid Southern climate.

## 4. Family-Friendly Designs

Family-oriented homes often opt for pools that cater to all age groups. Features like shallow tanning ledges, built-in splash pads, and safety features such as gradual entry slopes ensure that the pool is accessible and enjoyable for children and adults alike.

For families in Southern homes, the ability to include multiple features in one design—such as a diving area, wading section, and adjacent spa—is a major advantage. These pools also often feature large surrounding decks for seating and outdoor dining.

## 5. Natural Pools

Natural pools, designed to replicate the appearance and function of natural bodies of water, are a growing trend. These pools use a combination of plants and biological filters to maintain clean water without relying on traditional chemicals. The result is an eco-friendly option that blends seamlessly with the Southern environment.

Natural pools appeal to homeowners looking for sustainable solutions and those who prefer a more organic aesthetic. The inclusion of aquatic plants and carefully chosen landscaping enhances their appeal, creating a serene and environmentally conscious design.

## Incorporating Regional Considerations

### Climate and Heat Management

Southern homes are subject to intense heat and high humidity, making pool features like shaded areas and cooling mechanisms essential. Gunzburg emphasizes the importance of incorporating elements such as pergolas, umbrellas, or shade sails to provide relief from the sun.

Additionally, lighter-colored pool finishes and materials for the surrounding deck help reflect heat, keeping surfaces cooler underfoot. In areas prone to mosquitoes and other pests, screens or enclosures are common additions to enhance usability.

### Hurricane and Storm Resistance

In hurricane-prone regions like Louisiana, pool designs must account for weather resilience. Builders often reinforce pool structures and use durable materials to withstand strong winds and heavy rainfall. Drainage systems are another key consideration, ensuring that water doesn't accumulate around the pool during storms.

## Custom Features Elevating Southern Pools

### Water Features

Waterfalls, fountains, and bubblers are frequently incorporated into pool designs, adding visual interest and creating soothing sounds. These features can also help with water circulation, an important factor in maintaining cleanliness in a humid climate.

### LED Lighting

LED lighting options allow homeowners to enjoy their pools well into the evening. Subtle lighting in and around the pool enhances safety while creating a welcoming ambiance for nighttime gatherings.

### Outdoor Kitchens and Lounges

Many Southern pool designs extend beyond the water, incorporating outdoor kitchens, fire pits, and lounge areas. These additions make the pool area a true centerpiece for entertainment and relaxation, reflecting the social and family-oriented culture of the South.

## Conclusion

As pool design evolves to meet the demands of Southern homeowners, creativity and functionality remain at the forefront. Freeform pools that mimic natural landscapes, geometric designs for a contemporary feel, and compact plunge pools for urban settings highlight the variety of options available. With thoughtful planning and attention to regional factors such as heat and storm resilience, pools can be transformed into stunning outdoor spaces that enhance the value and enjoyment of Southern homes.

"Every pool design should reflect the homeowner's lifestyle and complement their surroundings," adds Gunzburg. "From natural features to modern amenities, the possibilities are

endless for creating a space that's as beautiful as it is functional.”

With trends continuing to evolve, Southern homeowners are finding new ways to make their pools an integral part of their homes, perfectly suited to the unique climate and culture of the region.

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