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A Refined Grace

This simple rectangular swimming pool, built by Steve Wilson of Star Pools, Houston, TX, is a perfect example of what makes a design work within the setting. "When you look at this project, the swimming pool is there to beautify the home and the gorgeous landscape. The rectilinear shape with its axial orientation to the large windows blends wonderfully with the home's classic architectural style," Tisherman observes. "The dark color of the pool's interior surface enhances the reflections of the home and mature trees.

The aged-brick edge treatment gives the pool the appearance of timelessness, as though it has been part of the landscape for years or even decades.

"There is no gimmick here," Tisherman continues, "no vanishing edge, no perimeter overflow, no elaborate deck or giant rock waterfalls—just a classic design, rich colors and materials used simply, tastefully and elegantly. The pool is not the point of the design; rather, it is there to make a classic setting even more graceful with its distinctive shape and vivid reflections."