



**SPECIAL DESIGN ELEMENTS**

- Natural limestone walls and terraces
- Landscape lighting
- Custom-built slide
- Naturalized plantings

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Located in St. Jacobs, Ont., this attractive yet family-friendly backyard getaway designed by M&S Architectural Ltd., is the perfect summer oasis the homeowners were looking for, one that allows them to entertain family and friends or enjoy a private afternoon at home.

NATURALLY  
*Gorgeous*

Ontario limestone highlights this attractive oasis

M&S Architectural took the initial pool layout plan, put together by Betz Pools of Stouffville, Ont., and created a working landscape plan with detailed layout, planting, landscape lighting and installation specifications. The finished product is a 5.4- x 11-m (18- x 36-ft) gunite pool with a raised spillover spa, which offers a full view of both the property and adjacent custom home. A bubbling rock feature was added to steps in the pool's shallow end to create a subtle audio-visual effect.

To add an element of fun, a custom-built pool slide was nestled seamlessly into the landscape, striking a balance between esthetics and enjoyment. The slide is also situated in between twin water features, further creating visual interest and balance.

In keeping with the home's rural setting, natural materials native to the area were used throughout the space. A weathered limestone water feature surrounds the custom-built slide, while the elevated spa area features large limestone terraces that are both usable and practical. Natural stone was also used to create a wall separating the yard from the driveway, for added privacy.

The pre-existing yard sloped away from the home, necessitating the construction of a large natural stone retaining wall along the south property line. This not only allowed for a full walkout from the house, but also created a large open space for the pool and surrounding landscape.

These changes led to the creation of separate deck spaces for lounging and entertaining, including room for tables and comfortable seating around the pool. A custom-built garage and overhang also creates shaded sitting areas for hot and sunny summer afternoons. ➤