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# PALATIAL POOL HOUSE

**W**hen you're blessed to own a palatial estate with an additional lot, building a separate pool house is a brilliant option. That is the solution designer Sheldon Harte, principal of Harte Brownlee & Associates in Laguna Beach, created for the owners of this oceanfront estate in south Laguna.

"Outdoor living is very popular, but not everyone has the space to have a freestanding pool house," Sheldon explains.

The stucco structure with slate tile roof, situated adjacent to the pool, offers a special getaway for the homeowners and their guests to enjoy year-round.

"We tried to play up the Balinese and tropical vibe. She wanted it to be a casual, easy space because the rest of the house has more of a formality to it," Sheldon says. On sunny days, sliding mahogany doors allow the pool house to open like a pavilion.

The concept, Sheldon says, was to have a space the homeowner could open up completely in the summer months. "If you wanted to be in the sun during the day, the ocean breeze would blow through," he says.

Bamboo faux bois with raffia paneling cover the interior walls, with tumbled antique stone travertine on the floor. The structure, which also serves as a guest house, features a full bathroom, decorated with limestone tiles and intricate pebble detailing to achieve a beach-inspired aesthetic.

Indoor-outdoor furniture is covered with durable yet stylish weather-resistant fabrics, and the daybed transitions into a full bed. The limestone fireplace offers cozy warmth on chilly evenings.

An outdoor kitchen and living room feature the same stone travertine flooring as the pool house, with stacked ledger stone around a limestone fireplace, as well as luxurious drapery panels hung on bronze rods, a custom rock crystal chandelier, custom coffee table, a British Khaki sofa, chairs from Palecek, and various antiques and Asian-inspired décor.



HOME BUILT: 2004 POOL HOUSE COMPLETED: 2008  
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