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MASTERS OF DESIGN

## Streams of Consciousness

**B**ecause the three-sided vanishing-edge pool looks more mystical than manmade. **B**ecause seven circulation, filtration and pump systems make this project look as if it's all part of the lush landscape. **B**ecause the naturalistic pool has a high-tech side with its perimeter fiberoptic lighting under the vanishing edges. **B**ecause a 300-foot stream of rushing water looks as pretty as it sounds. **B**ecause mass quantities of Montana stone create a rugged beauty. **B**ecause the homeowner requested lake water be used for all landscaped streams, so none of the property's rocks would be touched by chlorinated water.

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## STREAMS, SPA AND POOL COME TOGETHER IN THIS BUILDER'S DECEPTIVELY NATURAL-LOOKING AQUASCAPE

When a Midwest homeowner envisioned a lakeside backyard setting with a pool and spa spilling water 300 feet down a bluff, his wish became an aquatic work of art.

The project, which overlooks Lake of the Ozarks in Missouri, integrates four unique design elements: a three-sided, vanishing-edge pool; an elevated natural stone spa; a 5-foot waterfall; and streams running from the spa to the pool and from the waterfall to the lake.

“The overall appearance is that of a flowing stream that encompasses a spa and swimming pool,” says John B. Jacobs, construction manager at Vaughan Pools & Spas Inc. in Jefferson City, Mo., who served as the design consultant and project manager. “The spa is the ‘spring’ or beginning of the water flow.”

Lake water also pumps from a landscape pond located below the pool into a trough in front of the spa. “This creates the illusion that the spa water is running into the upper landscape stream to the pool,” Jacobs says. “The lake water stops short of the pool and flows into a hidden pipe, which runs under the deck into the landscape pond at the other end of the pool.”

The architect and homeowner selected native stone from Montana to tie together the lakeside setting with the house, pool, spa, deck and landscaping. “We worked with their selection,” Jacobs says. “Obviously, many truckloads were needed for the entire project.”

— Rhonda J. Wilson



**Name and location:** John B. Jacobs, construction manager, Vaughan Pools & Spas Inc., Jefferson City, Mo. (plus three central Missouri locations, in Columbia, Sedalia and Osage Beach).

**How you know a project is truly great:** “I’m satisfied with the results when a project is designed to fit the home and surroundings, with input from the owner.”

**Specialty:** Design and construction of high-end pools, many of which are placed in difficult locations, with an emphasis on filtration and hydraulics.

**Signature look:** Specially selected materials for custom results.

**Inspiration:** To create high-quality backyard getaways that owners can be proud of for many years to come.

**Favorite materials:** Concrete and tile.

**Proudest moment:** On this particular project, the homeowners were so pleased with the results that they hosted a catered party for everyone involved — from the laborers to the owners of the company.

Montana meets Missouri: Native rock from “Big Sky Country” creates an intimate yet invigorating setting in this aquascape from Vaughan Pools & Spas.

