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Making a SPLASH

Memorial Day is the unofficial start to summer in the Hamptons. It doesn't matter whether it's big or small, whether it's waterside or tucked away surrounded by mature trees and hedges — a pool to lounge by is something hardly anyone will pass up on a hot summer day. We asked East End real estate agents showing some of the most luxurious homes, what are some of the sought-after features for pools on the East End? Is simply having a pool enough or does it need to really make a splash?

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For many Hamptons home buyers, the swimming pool is an integral extension of the living space. They want harmony between the interior and pool, along with all of the exterior living spaces. In other words, the pool should not only look stunning but complement the style and living environment of the entire home.

The pools aren't just for a quick dip. They are part of a seamless lifestyle. One feature, for example, is a "sun shelf," where lounge chairs are placed in a few inches of water. These are increasing in popularity as they allow people to experience the pool without having to get completely wet. It allows bathers to keep cool while being able to carry on a conversation or run and get a quick glass of rosé without having to towel off! Following the trends in interior design, LED lights have become de rigueur for pools in the Hamptons. The sleeker design and adjustable features allow homeowners to create a mood that's consistent both inside and out. I know in some areas of the country, multi-colored lights are a fun addition but, in the Hamptons, it seems the subtlety of plain white lights is the thing buyers are seeking.

