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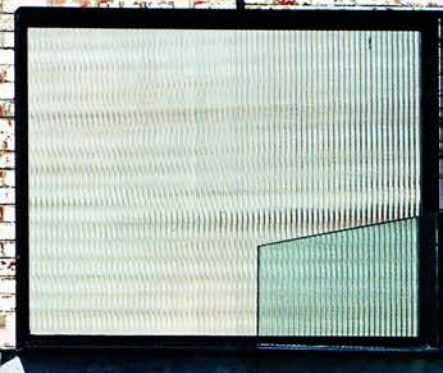
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Outside

LOVE YOUR OUTDOOR SPACE

186 **Pool party**

Plunge, lap, spa, family... A pool is a big-bikkie item that can bring years and years of reward



Balcony bathing

Melbourne architecture practice Neometro (Neometro.com.au) designed this home in South Yarra, Vic. The 4.3m-long heated plunge pool, located on the first floor, is the perfect depth at 1.5m.

The tiling is a white glazed swimming pool mosaic by Cotto, and the edging is Carrera marble with horizontal grooves routed out. By night the pool's submerged lighting creates a lovely mood.

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BESPOKE SHAPE

Melbourne-based MAKE Architecture (Makearchitecture.com.au) designed the pool area of this contemporary home in Abbotsford, Vic, which abutts the "Little Brick Studio" (seen at rear) they created for the homeowners.

"The pool is an **odd shape to squeeze it into a very small backyard**," says architect Melissa Bright.

Oiled blackbutt decking is in harmony with the leafy setting, and bench seating stores pool equipment. The plump lives in the garage under the studio. The pool itself was installed by Falcon Pools (Falconpools.com.au); it has solar heating but no spa. Painted steel angle-fencing is finished with blackbutt posts that face the house.

BIG QUESTION: Will a pool add value to my home? Yes, it may. "But installing a pool should be a lifestyle choice not a way to add value," says real estate agent and project designer Derrick Macrae (Dmndesigns.com.au). "Depending on your location you could be adding anywhere between five to 10 per cent in value to the property, but don't forget that you will have paid about the same amount to install the pool." 