

# A Little Slice of Heaven

Tucked behind a traditional home in Atlanta is one family's staycation secret: a poolhouse with all the trappings of a beach club.

**MAGIC ROOF**  
Plexiglas keeps this bamboo breezeway and dining area dry no matter the weather.

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**POOL**  
Stripes on chairs, bolsters, and umbrellas set a playful tone at this poolhouse by Charlotte Lucas.  
**Umbrellas:** [Santa Barbara Designs](#).  
**Loungers:** [Design Within Reach](#). **Bolster and chair cushion fabric:** Port Royal Stripe, [Brunschwig & Fils](#).



**CRAFTY CUSTOMIZATION**

To make the island look like a piece of furniture, Lucas installed a radius-edge counter and a fluted base.

*“A vacation in the backyard.”*

When Charlotte Lucas got the call from her clients about designing a 2,000-square-foot poolhouse for their Atlanta home, she envisioned an *actual* getaway. “They’re big travelers,” says the Charlotte, North Carolina–based designer. **“They’ve stayed in some beautiful luxury hotels and resorts, and we wanted to bring that elevated style and design to their backyard.”**

Inside, a vaulted ceiling is covered in bamboo, the floor is hand-painted in a black-and-white geometric pattern, and leafy and trellis-inspired prints are splashed on upholstery and walls. Outside, red-and-white cabana-stripe fabrics evoke long beach days in the French Riviera—Lucas used them on pillows, dining chair cushions, and fabulous umbrellas by the pool. All this pizzazz couldn’t compromise the necessary functionality of the building, of course, so Lucas used performance fabrics throughout. “The space needed to be able to hold up to wet feet and wet bathing suits, but also feel elevated enough in its design to host cocktail hour for adults,” she explains. “Nothing could be too precious.”

While the primary residence boasts a much more traditional aesthetic, “My clients were really open to pushing the envelope in a space that doesn’t get used every day,” says the designer. “It makes you feel inside but like you’re a part of the outside.”



**KITCHEN**

**Paint:** Garden Cucumber, Benjamin Moore. **Sconce:** Arteriors. **Pendant:** custom, based on CLD drawing by Evan Wood. **Chairs:** India Mahdavi with Robert Allen Emerald fabric and Samuel & Sons Brush fringe. **Flooring:** hand-painted. **Pillow:** Urban Outfitters.

**BATHROOM**

**Wallcovering:** La Palma, Mokum. **Mirror:** 1stDibs. **Sconce:** iYoe, Amazon. **Sink:** Randolph Morris, Vintage Tub & Bath. **Floor tiles:** AlysEdwards Tile & Stone. **Hooks:** The Company Store.

**BEDROOM**

**Chandelier:** Paavo Tynell, Etsy. **Wallcovering:** Hillside panels, House of Harris. **Bed:** custom, Carolina Woodcrafting with headboard in Claremont fabric. **Rug:** Yancey K. Designs.

**TRELLIS WALLCOVERING**

A custom colorway complements the black trim and greenery outside.

**CONVERSATION ZONE**

Chairs and settees face one another while offering a variety of views.

**Chairs:** India Mahdavi. **Settee:** Vonnegut Kraft. **Coffee table:** 1stDibs. **Rug:** Nashville Rug Gallery. **Wallcovering:** custom colorway, Charlotte Lucas for House of Harris. **Paint:** Pitch Black, Farrow & Ball.