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Remarkable Retreat

An Armonk estate receives a spectacular pool house for a true at-home escape. **By Gina Valentino**

A backyard oasis that allowed homeowners to feel they are on vacation within the confines of their own property. That was the goal of designer Emily Fuhrman, of Connecticut-based Sage and Ginger, when crafting this breathtaking Armonk space.

To realize this, the pool house was designed at the back of the property, for distance, and was equipped with everything the homeowners might need without having to return to the main house (including a restroom/changing area, kitchenette with a full refrigerator, dishwasher, and storage).

Fuhrman teamed up with builder Joe Daniels and architect Teo Siguenza for this

project, crafting a stunning space with functionality. An open-air gazebo area is the focal point of the structure, flanked by the bathroom/changing area on one side and the kitchenette on the other. Both have private entries.

“The gazebo has an amazing cathedral ceiling with exposed cedar beams and steel details, and the walls are finished in a painted stucco, to add warmth and contrast. We populated this space with beautiful seating from Harbour Outdoor that can accommodate a crowd,” Fuhrman says.

“We chose a faux concrete-looking tile for the pool decking and carried it throughout, under the gazebo and into the kitchenette and bathroom/changing room, to unify

the entire space,” Fuhrman says. “The structure is spectacular. You can see it from the front door of the main house; it also is a focal point from the primary suite.”

Inside, the kitchenette features modern, white-lacquered custom cabinets with black hardware and a white-chevron glass backsplash that “offers vacation vibes,” says Fuhrman. The changing room boasts a large shower, custom walnut vanity, washer/dryer, and storage cubbies.

Both the exterior and interior of the retreat lend to hosting fetes all summer long. And as for homeowners who were looking for a private escape, a mini vacation is never more than a few steps away.