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Biophilia is defined as the inherent human inclination to affiliate with nature. Biophilic design, an extension of biophilia, incorporates natural materials, natural light, vegetation, nature views and other experiences of the natural world into the modern built environment.

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As much as everyone loves a good beach vacation, sometimes it turns out to be more exhausting than anything else! Often the best vacations are staycations, and nothing makes a staycation better than having a beautiful place for the entire family to hang out, relax and have fun.

This young family decided to hire Lisa Davenport Designs to create their perfect staycation oasis. "For these clients, the design was driven to be comfortable and approachable," explains Lisa, the owner and principal designer of the firm. To do this, she and her team transformed the family's typical builder's-grade backyard into a pool and outdoor living space that marries the comforts of indoor living with the beauty of nature.

"I see biophilic design as incorporating the gifts of Mother Nature into your design aesthetic," says Lisa. "This could be through actually assimilating life such as plants and greenery into the design, or simply through using even the suggestion of plant life in fabrics and wallcoverings. In this case, I embraced Mother Na-



ture herself by using her natural creations to define spaces, create a color palette and choose finishes."

One of the biggest challenges of working within an outdoor space is that the space will always be changing. "Because the space is predominantly an exterior space, my 'walls' were often garden beds," Lisa explains. "In an interior space, you have four walls, a ceiling and a floor. Here, my 'walls' are changing constantly, depending on what the season is, how many flowers are blooming in that bed, how time will change the

shrubbery, etc. So one of the biggest challenges was making sure I was taking into account the fact that my 'walls' and my space were all going to change."

Despite the challenges, Lisa Davenport Designs was able to create a family-friendly staycation space that is beautifully woven together with nature. By using natural stone, flowering gardens and teak furnishings, Lisa Davenport crafted a comfortable place that will host this family's staycations for years to come.