

# Psychedelic Pools Popular With Modern Homeowners

If your swimming pool isn't equipped with underwater lights, insets of tropical plants, and piped music, you can still make a big splash by "going psychedelic" with a bucket of paint.

The growing interest in decorative art in pools is taking inspiration from the flower power movement. The idea, this year, is to make the design big—big.

Color has been lending individuality to fashionable pools. Once you have the biggest, how else can you out-pool your friends?

One interior designer tiled his pool in whites, browns, aqua—the same colors used

in surrounding bath houses.

One laughing boy veered to the comic with a design of a huge snapping turtle with a big toe in its jaws. The 10-foot turtle looks pretty lifelike in his aquatic setting at the bottom of the pool and frightening enough to keep strangers away.

Still another pool host has had painted a 20-foot figure of his favorite bathing girl in a mod bikini.

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IF THE POOL crowd is on a cultural kick, perhaps a design of giant-size musical notes will put their swimming in a syn-phonic atmosphere.

A gregarious type who invites everybody to swim might

write an inviting message in wavy ripples... "be my guest... be my guest... be my guest..." (And will they ever...)

Anyone entertaining the idea of aquatic art should use only paints that are made for pools. One well-known firm (Koppers Company, Inc., Pittsburgh) that specializes in such paints suggests that each type of pool surface—plaster, concrete, metal, fiber glass—requires different type of surface preparation and painting system.

Its booklet illustrating ideas for pool decoration suggests making a grid on the pool surface and then chalking in a design which you have designed on a paper grid that is marked

off on a five-foot module.

YOU SKETCH the shape of your pool, keeping the design very large. Blues, whites, greens, seem to be the most interesting pool colors and you can still create psychedelic ideas by using fanciful designs even though you don't use "hot" colors.

When you paint, begin with the lightest color, overlapping colors a bit to give continuity and depth to the art work.

If the module idea is too involved, an all-over design may be achieved easily by making a big cut-out of a design and then taping it to the pool bottom while you sketch the

outline. Remove the stencil and fill in with details. Move the stencil from spot to spot.

It's a good idea not to get overly ambitious unless you have lots of time on your hands for this project. After you have the whole thing chalked in, begin the design and proceed in a way that will not look ridiculous if you must nip the idea in the bud before you can complete the entire thing.

FOR EXAMPLE, a well-thought-out design, such as lilies and pads floating in a greenish background, would be beautiful. But consider the effort. If you begin such a project, put in your background, and

have a three-year plan for lilies. Paint enough lilies and pads to lend intrigue and you may even achieve in a small way the kind of serenity one feels at the sight of Claude Monet's famous "Water Lilies."

And if a long-term painting project throws you, think how captivated by water lilies was Monet. He spent a quarter of a century painting his great Nymphaeas series in his lotus garden, bringing to canvas the Oriental water lilies that floated in his pond.


There are lots of ideas that are fun if you want to gag up the idea. An enormous pair of eyes or great large lips might

appeal to pop art fanciers.


An open whale's mouth might be a good art project for an area right under the diving time!

board.

If you try anything in your pool, have a sparkling good time!



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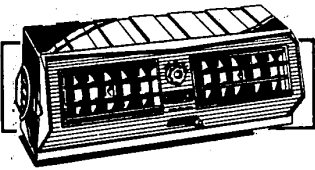
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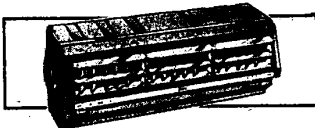
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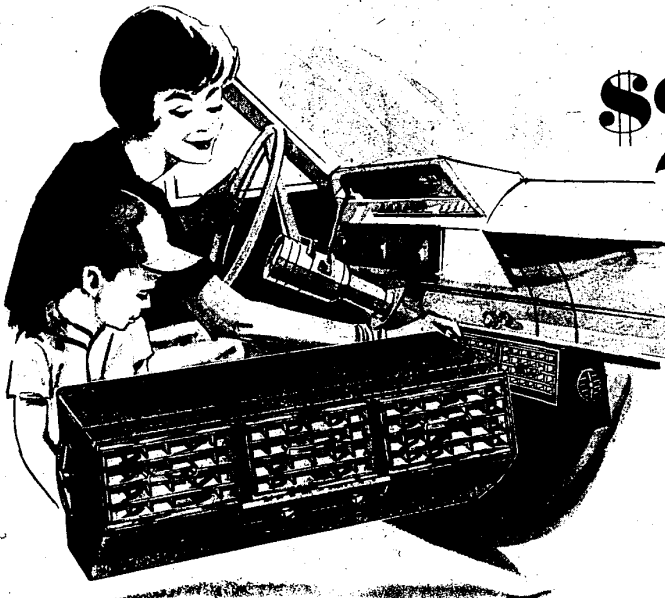
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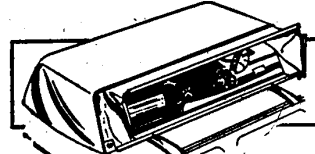
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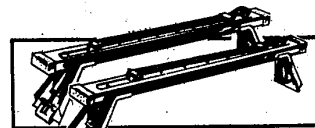
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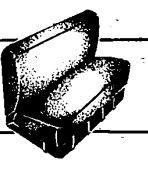
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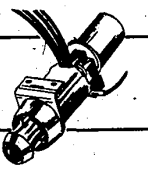
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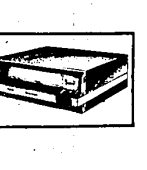
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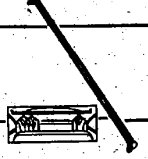
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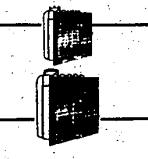
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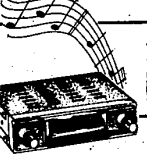
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