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WATER COLORS

Using rustic island touches and every shade of tropical turquoise under the sun, designer Marshall Watson brings the life aquatic to a Midwestern family's Bahamian retreat.

Designers Marshall Watson and Kate Reid embellished the rear facade of a British Colonial-style house in the Bahamas with a Chippendale railing and Bevolo gas lanterns. Chaise longues by McKinnon and Harris.

Interior Design MARSHALL WATSON AND KATE REID Interview MIMI READ

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I love color as a sense of place. The turquoise sea and fluffy white clouds are inescapable in the Bahamas. Why work against that?

—Marshall Watson

For the pool's glass mosaic, "we spent hours trying to match the rich turquoise blue of the ocean," Watson says. "It's a definite resort feeling. You know you've arrived." The pool perimeter is trimmed in coral stone. FOR MORE DETAILS, SEE RESOURCES