

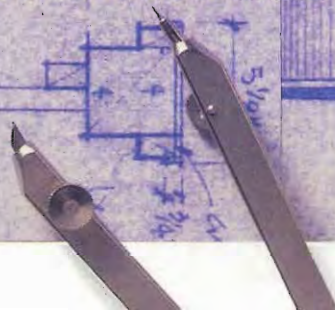
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SUCCESSFUL REMODELING WITH MARVIN WINDOWS & DOORS



ELEGANT ANGLES

Even after its renovation, the house in Short

Hills, New Jersey, appears to be a typical Georgian mansion built in the 1950s to echo a popular turn-of-the-century style. True, the old, worn-out double-hung windows fronting the building were replaced with maintenance-free sashes. But, on the whole, there's nothing sufficiently out of the ordinary here to warrant a second look.

Step around to the back of the house, though, and startlingly original architecture arrests the eye. Along the entire length of the house runs a breezeway with Terrace doors topped by custom transoms. This, in turn, links up with a dazzling indoor poolhouse situated at a right angle to the house. Containing a 12'x50' lap pool, spa, sauna, wet bar, dressing room and shower, the structure is completely enclosed by Terrace doors, custom gable transoms and a roof of 36 electrically operated skylights.

"The house had a problem with circulation," explains Jonathan Katz, of Katz/Novoa Architects in Millburn, New Jersey. "You had to walk from one room to the next to the next. The breezeway now serves as the spine."

The new poolhouse also makes the most of the beautiful garden setting. While low-E glass helps to keep it warm during the harshest of winters, when the weather is nice the Terrace doors can be folded back. "So," says Katz, "it's almost an outdoor pool."

POLYGONS (FIXED)



GEOMETRIC FLEXIBILITY ALLOWS GABLE ENDS TO SUPPORT LARGE TRIANGULAR FIXED WINDOWS, WHICH SEEM OPEN TO THE TREETOPS.



A CLASSIC SEMICIRCLE OF WINDOWS CURVES AROUND THE SPA AT THE TERMINUS OF THE NEW POOLHOUSE; THE CASEMENTS OPEN FOR VENTILATION.



THE 1950S NEW JERSEY GEORGIAN-STYLE MANSION SEEMED SOMEWHAT UNASSUMING A FEW YEARS BACK. EVEN TODAY, ITS FRONT SEEMS SLIGHTLY HUMBLE.



THE FRONT HARDLY COMPARES TO THE BACK OF THE HOUSE, WHICH FEATURES AN AMAZING EXPANSE OF TERRACE DOORS, TRANSOMS AND SKYLIGHTS.

STEVE LOPEZ

POOLHOUSE ADDITION

A SOARING TRIANGLE OF GLASS SITS
ATOP THE HALF-ROUND SPA AREA AT
THE END OF THE POOL ROOM.

