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# mod men

What do you get when you cross a Shelter Island shack with two fun-loving designers? Jonathan Adler and Simon Doonan's splash-tastic outdoor space



**Y**ou know designer Jonathan Adler for his punchy modern patterns and funky white ceramics. His partner, Simon Doonan, is a famed Barneys window dresser who has written five books, including *Beautiful People*, which became a hit BBC comedy series in 2008. Together, the New York City design duo turned a Shelter Island shack into a stylish pad dedicated to entertaining their just-as-fabulous friends and lounging poolside with their Norwich terrier, Liberace. "This house is our escape from our bonkers professional lives," Jonathan says. "Informality is the key." Here, they reveal their backyard makeover and share tips for scoring mod-rustic style. >

#### DRESS THE PART

"I always wear my Rod Keenan cowboy hat from Barneys. People yell 'yee-haw!' at me from passing cars." —SIMON



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**REGULATE THE SUN**  
"Hang rustic bamboo shades along the edges of a veranda roof." —SIMON

The deck-turned-veranda is dedicated to lounging and relaxed meals. Friends often gather to test out Jonathan's latest tabletop creations.



**SHOP THE LOOK:**  
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Chair in Fluo  
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**CREATE A FUNKY VIBE**  
"A curvy chair—hanging or not—is like sculpture in a space made of straight lines and angles." —SIMON

**Whale Pitcher, \$95,  
and Kaleidoscope  
Pillows in Blue/Green,  
\$98, and Pink/Orange,  
\$78; 800/963-0891 or  
jonathanadler.com**



**PUNCH UP A BORING DECK**  
"Use hip table accessories and bold, patterned pillows. You can be more daring outside than you can in your living room." —JONATHAN

### ADD COVER OVERHEAD

"The old deck was rotten, so we laid new wood and added a roof. That turned the deck into a real outdoor room where we can spend the entire day lounging on piles of pillows—no matter what the forecast is" —Jonathan

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Fresca citrus soda; available at grocery stores

**STOCK YOUR SPACE**

"It wouldn't be a party without a good deck of cards, copious amounts of Fresca, almonds (low-carb!), and a case of Corona."  
—JONATHAN

"I LIKE TO JOG AROUND THE 'HOOD, GO KAYAKING, AND THEN SWIM. IT'S MY GERIATRIC VERSION OF THAT WHOLE IRONMAN THINGY" —SIMON

**DEFINE YOUR STYLE**

"Shelter Island is funky and casual—leave your tiara at the door! So our look here is very Cambodia-meets-Sausalito. There is definitely an early '60s bohemian vibe." —SIMON

"WE WANTED THE POOL TO DOMINATE THE BACKYARD. AT 75 FEET LONG, IT PRETTY MUCH DOES THE TRICK"  
—JONATHAN



Playing Cards, \$10;  
800/963-0891 or  
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Barrow Lounger,  
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**MAKE TIME TO PLAY OUTSIDE**

"Our favorite outdoor activity is throwing each other in the pool, closely followed by eating lobster on the veranda" —Jonathan

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**ABOUT OUR HOUSE**

**Found it.** "About 15 years ago, we spent a summer frolicking on the island. We haunted our favorite neighborhood until we found the A-frame of our dreams." —SIMON

**Bought it.** "Sometimes you walk into an unrenovated house and feel like you're in an episode of *COPS*. This house didn't have that feeling; it had groovy lines and a nifty simplicity. To quote the Beatles, all it needed was love!" —JONATHAN

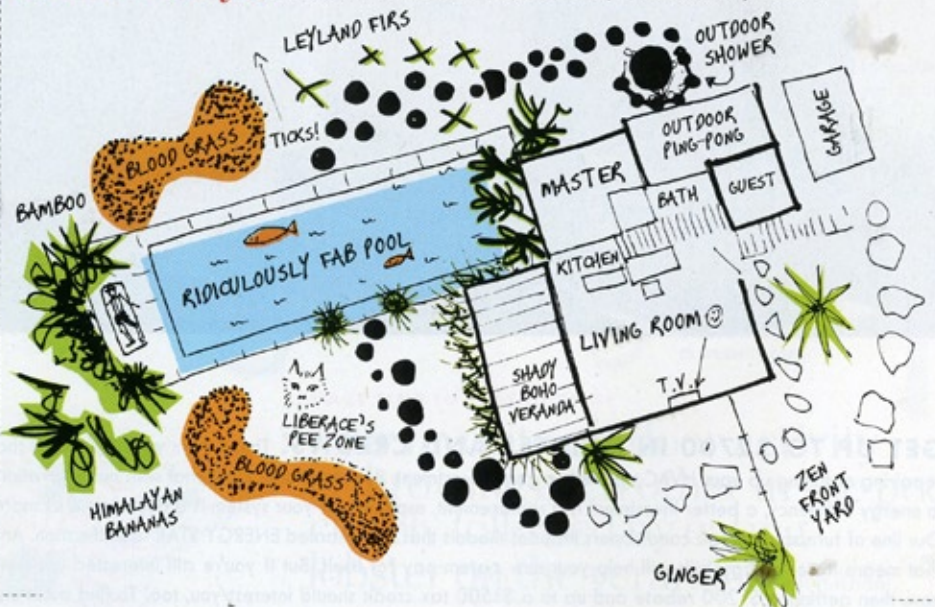
**Mod-ified it.** Jonathan and Simon added new windows, new heat, and loads of funky accessories; turned the back deck into a roofed veranda; and had a 75-foot pool installed in the yard. "When our guests got sick of sleeping in the living room, we added a whole new wing with an en suite bath." —SIMON

**Love it.** "We felt like we had given the old girl a makeover, and now she was ready to start dating." —JONATHAN



Simon Doonan and Liberate

**Simon Says** His take on the couple's restyled and rejuvenated backyard oasis



**PLAN YOUR POOL**

"Around it, our amazing landscape designer, Vickie Cardaro of Buttercup Design Group, created a lush, tropical vibe [See 'Greenery Cheat Sheet' page 52]." —SIMON

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Landscape designer Vickie Cardaro

## GREENERY CHEAT SHEET

Landscape designer Vickie Cardaro of Buttercup Design Group gives us the scoop on her plant plan.

### Hardy banana trees

potted or planted in the ground

### Lily-of-the-Nile

(agapanthus) in a narrow strip between the pool and house, just below the banana trees

**Bamboo** in a cement trough at one end of the pool and throughout the property for privacy

**Foxtail ferns**, which look great in tall pots or low, squat planters

**Agave**, potted for sharp poolside drama 🌵

### MAKE IT MOD

"UNDER ROUND STEPPING STONES, GRAVEL GIVES A COOL MID-CENTURY LOOK"  
—JONATHAN



**PLANT BOLDLY**  
"I LOVE A GIANT ORANGE PLANTER! I'M ALWAYS ON THE LOOKOUT FOR COLORFUL POTS THAT COMPLEMENT JONNY'S CERAMIC SHAPES"  
—SIMON

The Retro Bullet Planter in Hot Orange, \$145 (16"); hiphaven.com



### DO IT YOURSELF

"We made the outdoor shower from a bamboo fence we got at a local garden center, attached to locust posts, and centered under an outdoor spigot. The posts are like steel and tend to be straighter than other tree trunks."  
—JONATHAN

"I'M NOT SURE I COULD RELAX IF WE SPENT SUMMERS IN THE HAMPTONS. SHELTER ISLAND IS LESS FANCY-PANTS"  
—SIMON