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This combination vanishing edge / perimeter overflow pool posed special challenges as it was built on a steep slope, and designed to be accessible from the second story of the home. The walls were built two feet thick, and in some cases as tall as fifteen feet. The vanishing edge, which makes the water appear to flow directly into the nearby lake, leaves no room for error.

For the utmost accuracy, Valley Pools used a special “cast-in-place” method of concrete construction, similar to the methods used in skyscraper construction. The concrete is poured into custom fabricated forms, and then agitated to remove all voids and bubbles. “Cast-in place is the only way to get truly exact results with concrete,” stated Gene Brown, the owner of Valley Pools. “Traditional ‘shotcrete’ or ‘gunite’ may be OK for a simple pool in a flat backyard. But vanishing edge and perimeter overflow vessels require exact results down to one eighth of an inch or less. We always use forms for this type of precision work.”

Like many high-end custom pools, the water in this pool stays warm year-round thanks to geo-thermal heating. For additional enjoyment, this pool has a custom “peninsula deck” that juts out towards the center off the pool. This allows the homeowner to relax in the center of the pool without ever getting wet. Another unusual feature of this pool is the use of a special four-inch wide by four-feet long tile. The tile begins at the entrance of the house, runs all the way through the house and continues down into the pool and beyond. “It makes the entire pool area feel like just another room in the house,” stated Brown.

Valley Pool & Spa is a Platinum-level member of the Genesis 3 Pool design group, one of only 32 such builders in the world. They are located at 1659 Cary Road in Kelowna, BC, and can be reached at (250) 860-2266, or online at www.valleypoolandspa.com.

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