

Pool Plaster Comparison Guide

General Tips for Choosing a Finish

- Blue-base plasters will fade — consider white-base or darker neutral tones for longevity.
- The first 30 days are critical — brush daily and keep the water balanced for the best results.

Diamond Brite

- Most applied by MCPS; proven, consistent results.
- Medium aggregate exposure — balanced between smooth and textured.
- Subtle sparkle with slip-resistant texture.
- Strong and consistent performer; less prone to mottling or streaking than standard plaster.
- Easy to maintain; resists chemical damage and staining better than plain plaster.
- Mid-range cost — excellent value for quality and appearance.
- Recommended Colors: Blue Quartz or Onyx — best long-term color hold and minimal fading.

Durazzo

- Ultra-smooth, marble-like surface.
- Luxurious and silky smooth underfoot — great for high-end applications.
- Long-lasting when properly maintained; resists staining and etching better than standard plaster.
- Easier to clean due to smooth surface; less algae buildup.
- Premium product — higher material and polishing costs.
- Best for homeowners who want the smoothest, most elegant finish and don't mind investing in long-term beauty.
- Pro tip: The extra polishing step is worth it for a truly glassy finish.

River Rok

- Natural pebble look with large aggregate exposure.
- Rustic, natural river-stone appearance — slip-resistant but rougher on the skin.
- Extremely strong; hides minor surface imperfections well.
- Stays looking clean longer; harder to stain or discolor.
- Premium product due to pebble blend.
- Consider: Rougher texture may be uncomfortable for small children or sensitive feet.

