

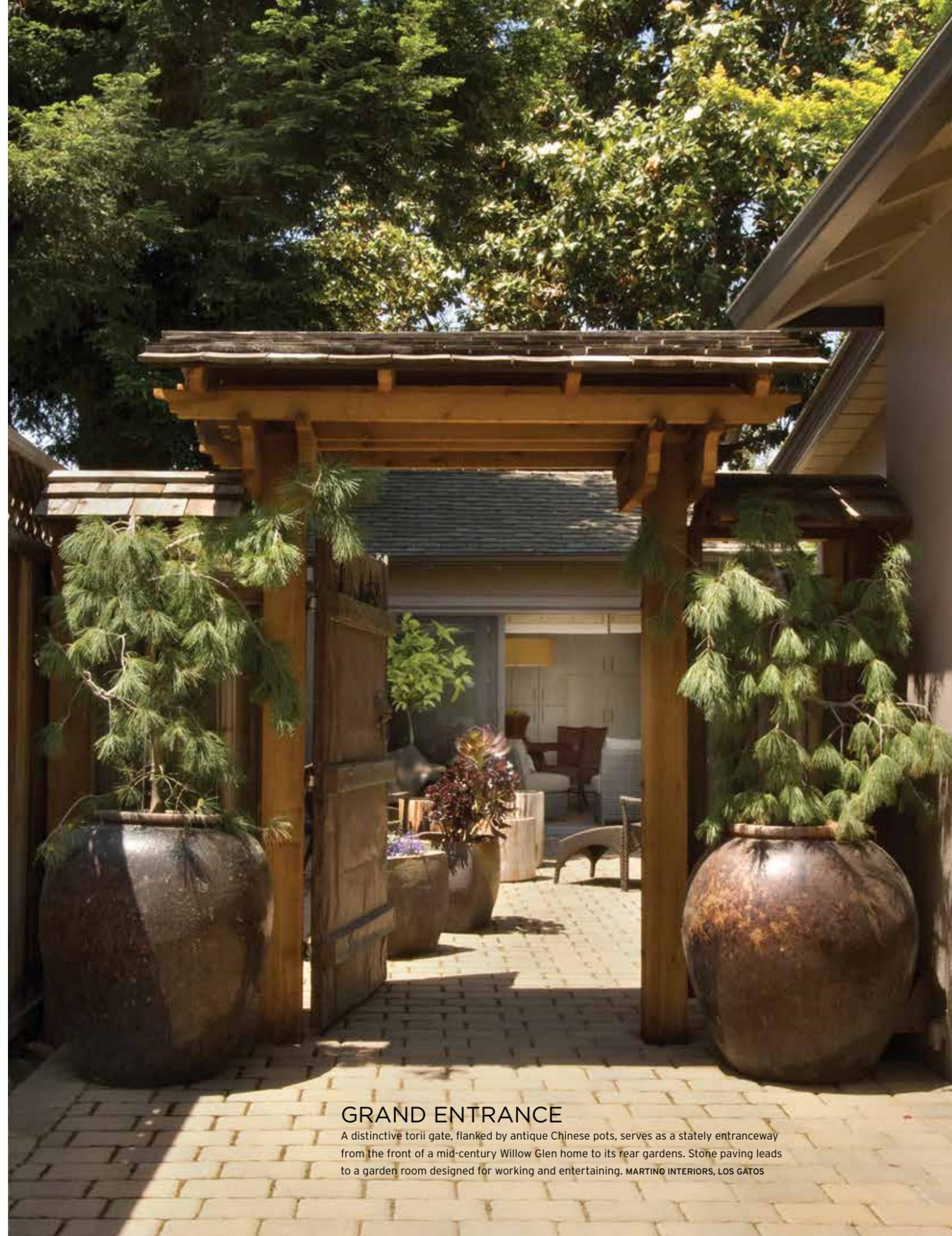
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INSPIRED SURROUNDINGS



THE PURE, SIMPLE LINES OF THE FAR EAST MOVE LOCAL INTERIOR DESIGNERS AND LANDSCAPE ARTISTS TO CREATE BEAUTIFUL SPACES WHERE HARMONY AND TRANQUILITY SOOTHE THE SPIRIT. BY GREG SILVA

REBECCA KWIEC



GRAND ENTRANCE

A distinctive torii gate, flanked by antique Chinese pots, serves as a stately entranceway from the front of a mid-century Willow Glen home to its rear gardens. Stone paving leads to a garden room designed for working and entertaining. MARTINO INTERIORS, LOS GATOS



NIRVANA

From its perch within a wall of Sierra granite blocks, a serene Buddha of carved stone oversees the lush, private garden sanctuary of a San Jose designer. CEVAN FORRISTT LANDSCAPE DESIGN, SAN JOSE



SERENITY NOOK

A sense of shelter and intimacy comes from an update of this Los Gatos porch area, where a corner seating group of Brown Jordan woven reed chairs is backed by an antique bamboo folding screen lacquered in Burmese red paint. MARTINO INTERIORS, LOS GATOS



CONTEMPORARY SHOWPIECE

A custom emerald, wall-mounted vanity serves as a vivid complement to the rich earth tones found in this Palo Alto bath. Natural light floods the space, where decorative chrome and elongated sconces accentuate a pure, contemporary design. HARRELL REMODELING, LOS GATOS, MOUNTAIN VIEW

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BOLD STATEMENT

The classic vertical lines of this kitchen design, which incorporates eight species of reclaimed, natural woods, suggest a space of balance and harmony. A custom steel hood, metal details and thick slabs of white honed marble lend contemporary chic. STAPRANS DESIGN, PORTOLA VALLEY



ELEGANCE REDEFINED

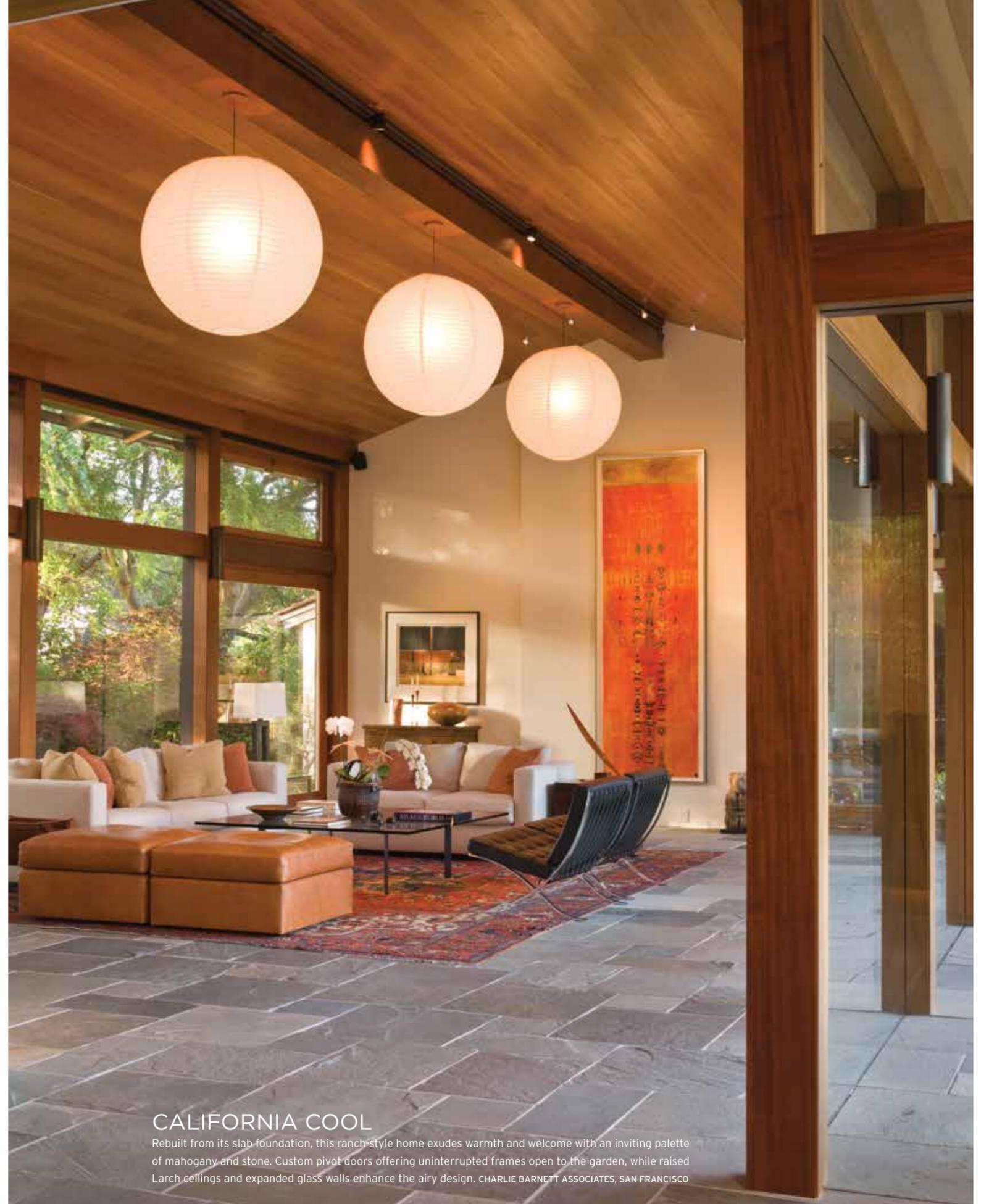
Simplicity and elegance feature prominently in a Portola Valley bath, featuring custom accents such as an artisan-cast bronze sink and side table. Elements of glass and stone mix seamlessly with a striking wall mosaic and slate flooring. STAPRANS DESIGN, PORTOLA VALLEY

SOOTHING SOAK

Created to calm and relax, a Japanese-inspired spa room in Menlo Park features an Ofuro soaking tub and stylish cedar sauna with radiant heat. Meadow-green porcelain tiles hold a floating pebble pattern, bringing to mind a gently flowing river bed. HARRELL REMODELING, LOS GATOS, MOUNTAIN VIEW



FROM TOP: MATTHEW MILLMAN; WILLIAM ENOS PHOTOGRAPHY; OPPOSITE PAGE: MARK DARLEY



CALIFORNIA COOL

Rebuilt from its slab foundation, this ranch-style home exudes warmth and welcome with an inviting palette of mahogany and stone. Custom pivot doors offering uninterrupted frames open to the garden, while raised Larch ceilings and expanded glass walls enhance the airy design. CHARLIE BARNETT ASSOCIATES, SAN FRANCISCO



GALLERY OF DELIGHTS

Soft golden walls lit from above provide a lovely backdrop for an antique Japanese kimono and vibrant artwork from a private collection in Portola Valley. Added interest in this hallway comes from rich, mahogany details and whimsical ceiling light. STAPRANS DESIGN, PORTOLA VALLEY

CURATED CURIOSITIES

Deep ochre walls complement a fascinating collection of Asian art and artifacts in a San Jose studio, where cabinetry and decorative features are crafted from antique Chinese doors. Centerpieces holding Buddha hand citrus and osage are antique Mongolian Buddhist Temple oil lamps. CEVAN FORRISTT LANDSCAPE DESIGN, SAN JOSE



CLASSIC STYLE

Framed in a warm adobe hue, a ceiling skylight illuminates a striking antique Oriental folding screen, which serves as the focal point of a room decorated with a coordinating color palette. Custom sofa and Erté sculpture add distinctive accents. AUSTIN DESIGN, LOS GATOS



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MONASTIC ORDER

Designed to soothe and relax, this Menlo Park bath is inspired by a Zen monastery in Asia. The 18th century hand-carved door was retrofitted with frosted glass, and the drop pendant light from India is made of alabaster and hand-rubbed bronze. STAPRANS DESIGN, PORTOLA VALLEY



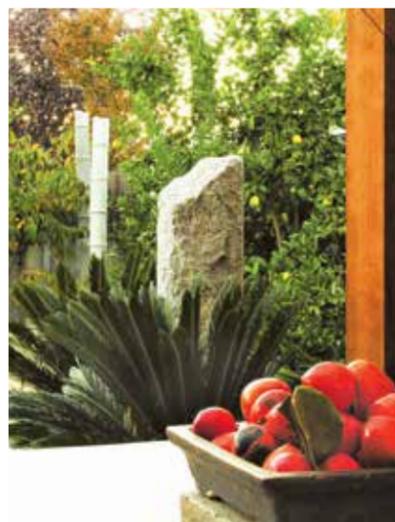
REFINED RETREAT

An antique Buddha resting on an ebony pedestal glows in the entryway of a Los Gatos townhouse. Clean, modern lines appear in platinum gray-stained floors flowing from room to room. Asia-inspired touches include cayenne red walls and handmade paper lamp. MARTINO INTERIORS, LOS GATOS



GARDEN SPIRITS

Beauty and peace are captured in this Cupertino garden, designed with proper feng shui for daily living. A granite monolith, flowing water and a reflecting pool planted with lotus add to the tranquility of the setting. CEVAN FORRISTT LANDSCAPE DESIGN



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GOLDEN GLOW

A former basement in Portola Valley is transformed into an elegant multiuse space for ballet and meditation—or guest room with hideaway Murphy bed. Light, bamboo flooring and angled fireplace with granite surround lend beauty to the spare, sophisticated look. HARRELL REMODELING, LOS GATOS, MOUNTAIN VIEW ■