

A Small Space That's Big on Style

IT DOESN'T ALWAYS REQUIRE A LOT OF SPACE TO CREATE A BIG impact. Even in our super-sized world, there are still many refreshing reminders that less is more, especially when it comes to homes and gardens. Jeanne Reaves' Sacramento townhouse is just one of those examples. Three years ago she decided to update the cozy patio area between her home and garage. The resulting transformation was so dramatic, that it inspired her to remodel her entire first floor, and now she's tackling the upstairs as well. The comfortable 1800 square foot, 3 bedroom, 2 bath home reflects a clean and contemporary style with plenty of punch. By following her own instincts, and listening to the suggestions of the professionals she selected, Reaves was able to create a boldly elegant home with well defined areas for relaxing, entertaining, and simply living.

Reaves' project all began with an idea she had to renovate her small, private yard into a more inviting space. She knew that she wanted to incorporate granite and other natural stone products into the yard, so she went to Natural Stone to buy materials. They recommended landscape designer Yosh to help her turn her vision into a reality, and the end result is absolutely spectacular. A black slate patio clearly defines a seating area and leads to an outdoor kitchen and bar area. Black granite counters on the bar and an Asian styled roof (sloped out at the bottom to ward off evil spirits, according to Japanese culture) lend simple but striking detail. The most surprising and eye-catching element of the small yard is the unique water feature. The focal point is a handmade mosaic panel (inspired from a print she has in her living room), which forms the face of a waterfall. Flanked on both sides by trellises



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