





DROUGHT-TOLERANT GRASSES These plants are low maintenance and eye-catching.



Design details

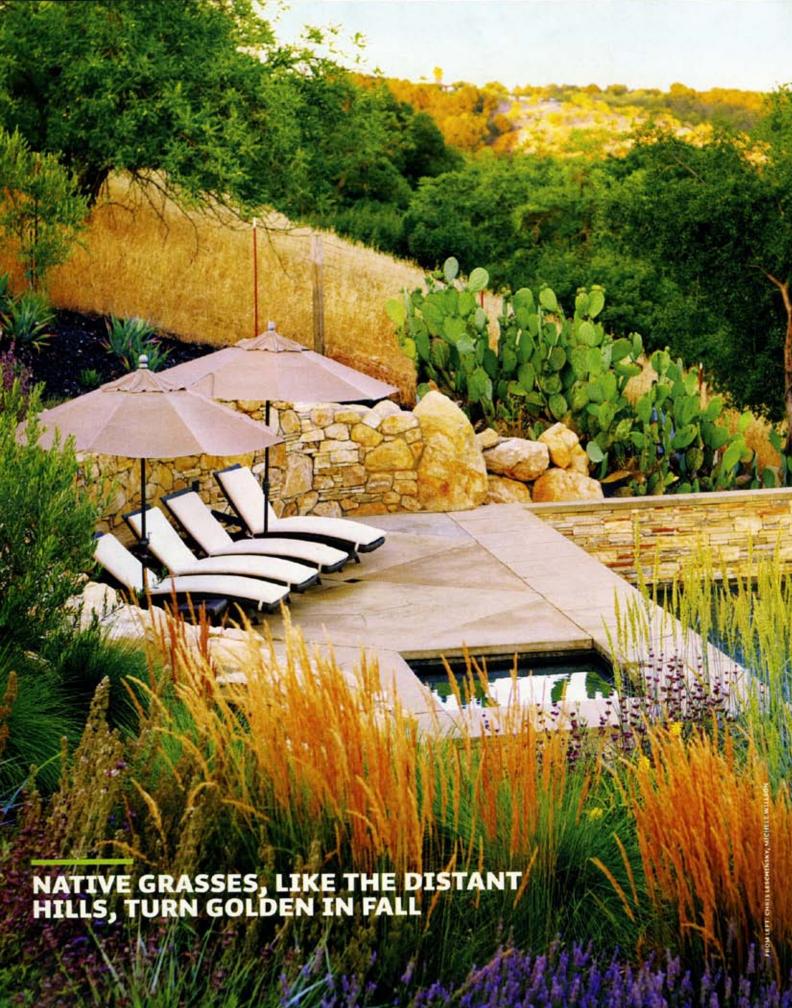
WELL-DESIGNED FIREPITS

Rugged and natural-looking, this sunken firepit on Lake Washington is hard edged and geometric on the patio side but gently curving on the beach part, where natural granite boulders pack its sides. Feathery grasses blend with the shoreline habitat beyond. A boulder-seat is just right for extra guests.

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THE WILD LOOK

"This garden has created a new nostalgia, not for Tuscany or Provence or some other Mediterranean place, but for true California," said the judges about this backyard in Paso Robles, California. The large native boulders—that form curved walls and are used as accents—blend the terrace with the landscape beyond. Planting native and Mediterranean grasses helps too.

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