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Designer of the Year Colin Miller
of Envision Landscape Studio's
Via Hermosa in Orinda, CA



This loose, open native grass is low maintenance and low water use and is effective for the sloped ground. The wild border echoes this feeling and contrasts beautifully with the home's heavy Tudor architecture.

BEVERLY HILLS MANOR

Residential Category over \$100,000

Project Location: Beverly Hills, CA

Laura Morton Design

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Firm Location: West Hollywood, CA

Zone: 10b

As visitors approach the oxblood red main door, new broad steps invite the eyes for a stroll through a seasonally changing loose romantic border with flowering perennials, *Iris*, and topiary (top right).

Clipped topiary forms provide an evergreen structure in a sea of perennials (right).

JUDGES' PERSPECTIVE:

This garden definitely works well with the house. There's a very nice extension of the pool with a covered seating area that blends nicely with the home's architecture. The topiary in the front yard with the *Nepeta* is playful—this looks like a fun garden to explore! The beautiful railings and the front plantings are both nice touches. The way the back slope was reforested with native plants in a natural way is lovely. This is a nice example of an old garden renovation where the plantings still look established and managed.

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Badminton is the family sport. On this hilly property, its flat surface doubles as a site for catered events.



This handwrought custom railing adds whimsical elegance to the entry experience.

The original size of the faux turf was reduced to allow existing Boxwood to grow wider and healthier. A new brick pad was cut into that hedge to accommodate the quintessential English bench. It is flanked by two Wisteria that have been trained as trees (left).



STEAL THIS:

The previously inaccessible hillside "back slope" was reinforced and made accessible using landscape timbers & felled tree branches for steps and trail edges. A natural trail now loops with a couple of seating areas that were eased into clearings.

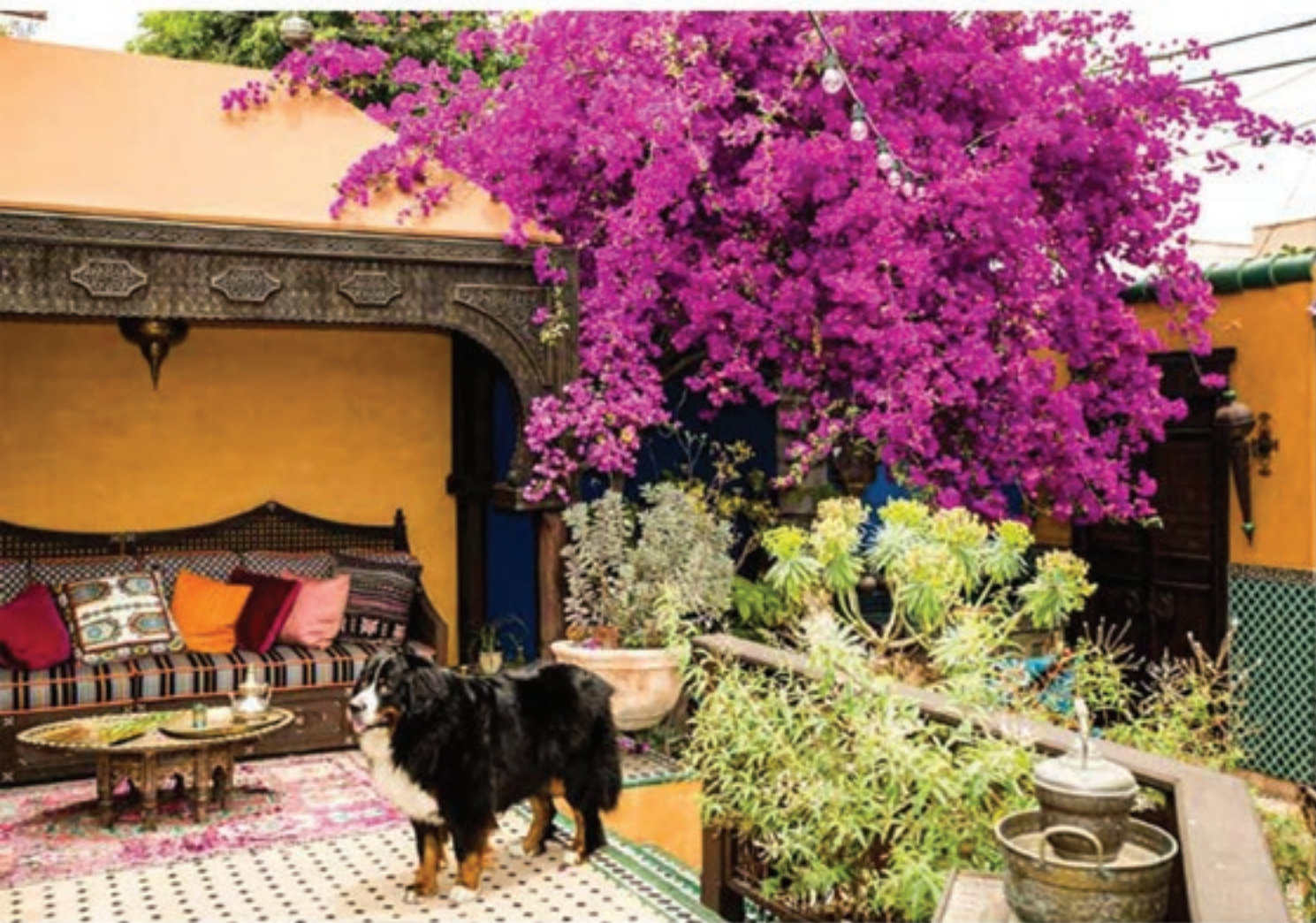
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The restored brick set off the pool pavilion whose coordinating folly is crowned by a rooster weathervane. Pots on the pillars add color (top).

The custom built-in seating, upholstery, and white terrazzo tabletop maintain the fresh, clean spirit (above).





DAR BEN-LISA

Small Gardens Category

Project Location: Los Angeles, CA

Laura Morton Design

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Firm Location: West Hollywood, CA

Zone: 10b

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This "After" shot of the pavilion features the spectacular magenta "waterfall" (a huge existing *Bougainvillea*) and split-level terraces (above).

JUDGES' PERSPECTIVE:

Wow! Imaginative, creative, and fun. This remarkable design shows how amazingly a theme shapes a space and its details. It is what was needed to define this Moroccan room. The layout and detail of the pavements work well, and the scale and character are fitting, making the space look and live large. The design makes great use of the diagonal axis and offers wonderful attention to detail.



This sumptuous tented lounging space with custom sofas is located right off the bedroom and across from the spa. An infrared heater in the pavilion takes off any chill.

Moroccan railing, tiled steps, carved wood, upholstery, and plant material all contribute to a visual feast. Aside from vines, an accent Palm, and Tree Aloe, shapely pots keep plants elevated. Simple mulch on available "yard" space is easy to groom and allows the dogs to wander without damaging plant material.





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STEAL THIS:

The clients wanted to be transported to their favorite exotic vacation spot: Morocco! To do so, the space was treated as a sumptuous, split-level jewel box. Layers of artisan-crafted elements serve as focal points and details to keep eyes moving so one doesn't notice how small it is. The diagonal lines and Moroccan tile patterns visually expand the space.

This small space serves many functions. On axis with the doors, tiled steps descend to the lower courtyard patio featuring an authentic white marble urn fountain, also on axis with the steps. Color and tile work keep the space visually cohesive (above).

Stepping onto the lower patio, the intimate dining area invites visitors near the fountain. Colorful Moroccan lanterns hang from existing Palm trunks (right).



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From the drive, the exotic courtyard doors open into a space that intrigues yet does not reveal all.



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