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GOLD LIST EDITION

As designer Nancy Heller puts it, she added "as much greenery as possible" to the grounds of a Los Angeles home. The seating area rests on a concrete pad, while additional concrete forms a sculptural backdrop for the fireplace. Lounge chairs from Janus et Cie and colorful woven poufs from Serena & Lily reflect the lively feel of the interiors envisioned by designers Todd Nickey and Amy Kehoe.



THIS PAGE: HELLER/KEHOE/NICKEY OUTDOOR PHOTO AND OPPOSITE PAGES: PHOTO: KARYN MILLET, KEHOE/NICKEY HEADSHOT: GIOVANNI JANCI, BERG HEADSHOT: ELIZABETH CAREK, KAMEON HEADSHOT: JON HUCK

## TAKING IT OUTSIDE

Given our spectacular climate, it's no wonder that we like to live outside, and nowadays, it's easier than ever to create comfortable and inviting outdoor rooms with as much personality and style as any found inside. For these designers, it's all about hitting the right balance—creating generous spaces that bring the best bits out but still keep the focus on the natural world.

**Amy Kehoe:** While we are fortunate in Southern California to be able to more easily create outdoor living spaces, we still tend to embrace the fact that we are outside, thus not forcing too many interior elements.

**Todd Nickey:** We always, however, try to keep a strong cohesion between the indoors and outdoors when possible. Living in Southern California, outdoor space is used almost as much as indoor—so not interrupting the concept, neither inside nor outside, helps give you a sense of a greater space.

**Cari Berg:** We have been using fully upholstered seating outside, which I love. Our upholsterer uses teak or marine wood for the frames and then outdoor

foam for the filling on the cushions. With so many unbelievable choices in outdoor fabric, there is unlimited potential to make any outdoor space comfortable and gorgeous. And, using these fully upholstered pieces helps to avoid spaces looking like they were all furnished as a "set." Upholstered pieces can pair easily with wood or metal-framed pieces, which is much like the approach we take to an interior space. It opens up so much potential and keeps things interesting.

**Judy Kameon:** We are so fortunate to have some of the best growers of plant material and trees in the country here in California. I am constantly experimenting with new species that have become available in the market and the selection is endless.



**CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:**  
Amy Kehoe and Todd Nickey,  
Cari Berg,  
Judy Kameon