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THE PARTY PLAZA

by L.H.DESIGNS

The trick to making the most of a sprawling outdoor space? “I think about outdoor space the same way I do indoors,” says Los Angeles designer Linda Hayslett of L.H.Designs. **“Every area needs to have a purpose.”** The pool—a necessity in scorching hot Texas—became the central feature of the home’s patio, so she built her plan around it. A conversation area near the fireplace features a sectional and some youthful (but adult-friendly) swings, and a grilling area was equipped with an outdoor beverage-and-wine fridge, sink, and its own dining table to make it the secondary “heart of the home.” An outdoor-rated quartz countertop caps a massive island that’s got an ice bucket and beer tap built right into the surface. With a little extra room to spare, Hayslett created a few more zones: a spot for billiards, a massive wood-burning firepit, and even an outdoor shower for quick clean-offs just out of sight.

Sectional, patterned pillows, swing chairs, and rattan lanterns: [Serena & Lily](#). **Ottoman:** [Arhaus](#). **Rug:** [Fibreworks](#). **Firepit chairs:** [World Market](#).



POOL TABLE
Under the covered patio, a custom outdoor pool table is ready—rain or shine.
Pool table: [R&R Outdoors](#).



OUTDOOR DINING ROOM
A built-in banquette, just opposite the cooking area, provides a more formal dining option. Dining table: [Arhaus](#). Counter stools, dining chair, and metal lanterns: [Frontgate](#).



GAME LAWN
A small patch of [AstroTurf](#) offers a no-maintenance surface for bocce ball or cornhole. Umbrella and chaise: [Arhaus](#). Stools: [Frontgate](#). Planters: custom [Caesarstone](#). Lawn games: [Walmart](#).



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Dealer's choice: two beers on tap!

COVERED KITCHEN
Never one to skimp on storage, Hayslett added lower and upper cabinetry around the grill. "I wanted a place to put cups, tableware, and knick-knacks, so I designed a floating multitiered shelf and a cabinet for easily accessing everyday items," she says. Outdoor appliances: [Renaissance Cooking Systems](#) and [Acme Brick](#). Cabinetry, metalwork, and shelving: [Architectural Grille](#). Brick wall: [Acme Brick](#). Countertops: [Caesarstone](#). Pendants and sconce: [Circa Lighting](#). Rug: [Fibreworks](#). Exterior paint: [Farrow & Ball](#).

SPECIAL SECTION

The Designer's Guide to PETS

How to create a home where you and
your cats and dogs can happily coexist.

By Kathryn O'Shea-Evans





Ping-Pong Paradise

Kirsten Krason, cofounder of House of Jade Interiors, selected a table by [HD Buttercup](#) with a net made of hand-stitched leather. "The kitchenette against the back wall has storage for snacks, drinks, and extra balls," she says.



Transforming Table

For added functionality in this home lounge, LH.Designs owner Linda Hayslett customized a table with sides that fold down and legs that lower and raise; it can go from low coffee table to seat-height card table in seconds.

Outdoor Escape

The tree house and skate ramp in this Los Angeles backyard allows the kids to enjoy fresh air while engaging in a thrilling activity with their friends (and any especially brave parents).

