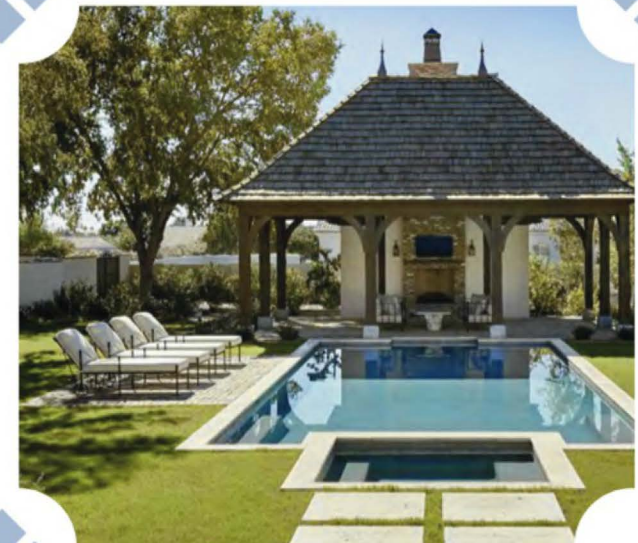
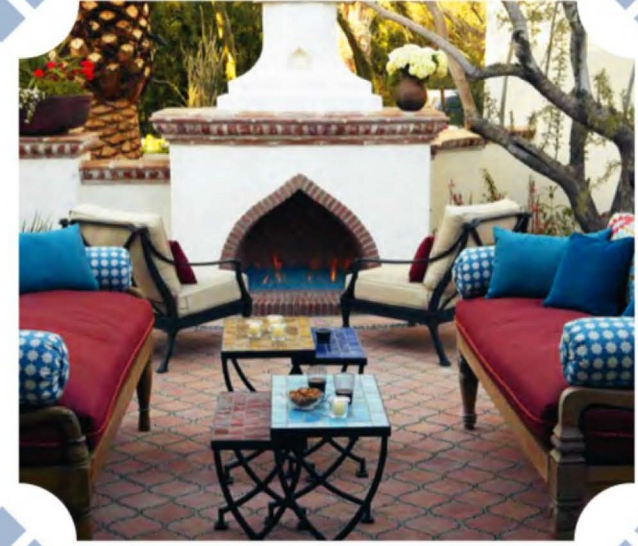
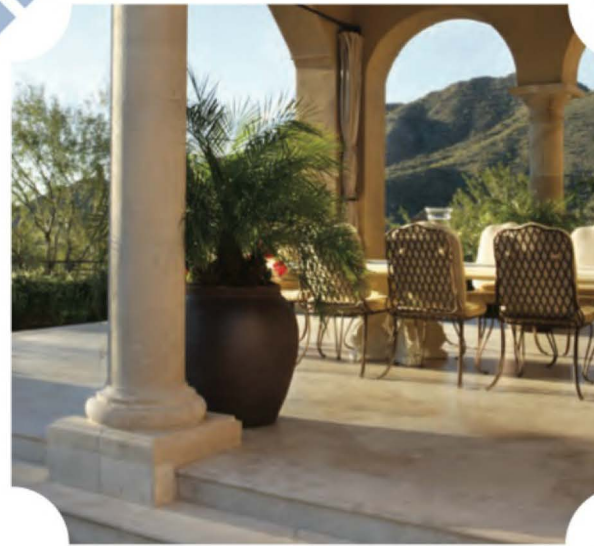


Arizona is known worldwide for its eternal sunshine, rugged natural beauty, vermilion sunsets, and, aside from searingly hot summers, primarily pleasant climate. The lifestyle is, therefore, all about spending time outdoors. Whether it's hiking up a mountain, swimming in a backyard pool or dining alfresco, we strive to make the most of sunny days and breezy nights. And when the weather is at its finest, there are few places as appealing as outdoor spaces that connect us with nature. Whether it is an open-air living room, a loggia or a sun-drenched pool patio—the best outdoor spaces not only embrace the surrounding landscape, they also provide comfort and a sense of style. To inspire you, we have selected some of our favorite alfresco digs by five of our favorite local interior designers, including Wendy Black Rodgers, Janet Brooks, ASID, Janet Kauffman, Allied ASID, Dana Lyon and Elizabeth Rosensteel.

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DISTINCTIVE OUTDOOR SPACES BY FIVE LOCAL INTERIOR DESIGNERS

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WENDY BLACK RODGERS

❖ It was a colorful wine lounge in Morocco that inspired the exotic stylings of this Paradise Valley patio by designer Wendy Black Rodgers of Wendy Black Rodgers Interiors. “Some years after we finished the project, my client went to Morocco, and she said that she felt right at home there and now appreciates her house even more,” confides the designer. To cast her own brand of Marrakesh magic, Rodgers commingled oversized vintage Indonesian daybeds with traditional aluminum lounge chairs. “It’s important to mix different styles of furniture to create a collected and more interesting look,” she says. Fabrics were chosen for their classic Moroccan patterns, vibrant hues and ability to withstand the sun’s harmful rays. “All of the textiles used are made from solution-dyed acrylic to ensure the best wear in our difficult summer climate,” Black Rodgers explains. Custom nesting tables feature decorative tops of hand-made natural clay Zellige tiles that the designer imported from Morocco. She recommends homeowners consider conversation when designing outdoor spaces. “A good way to do this is to anchor the area with an outdoor rug and keep the furniture within a 10-foot radius for optimal chatting,” the designer suggests. “Also be sure to incorporate tables for drinks and snacks, and make sure the area is lit properly with outdoor lamps, candles or lanterns.”

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