



Landscape

THE SUNSET MENLO PARK IDEA HOUSE called for a garden design that maximized the small backyard space by using different materials and vertical elements to carefully segregate the yard for varied uses.

Special attention was given to the use of eco-friendly and locally-sourced materials. The fence panels are created from recycled, post-consumer materials; the concrete pavers are made in California; the paving is made with fly ash concrete; the irrigation controller waters the landscape based on the weather, soil, and plant types; and the fireplace and kitchen are clad in stone made from lava.

The garden features a dining patio, adjacent to the home's kitchen, with an outdoor grill for entertaining. During Menlo Park's many hot summer days, guests can relax in the outdoor living room and listen to the cooling sound of the water feature while sitting amidst a drought tolerant plant palette made up of grasses, succulents, and native plants.