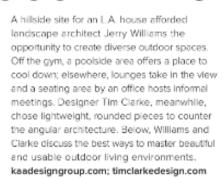
# Italian entre interiors + design



### ALFRESCO **LIVING**



Make it enticing. JW: Lure people outside by creating visually appealing and inviting destinations that can be seen from the house.

#### Treat outdoor spaces as rooms.

TC: Furnish outdoor areas the same way you would an interior room. Add a variety of scale in furniture.

#### Don't skimp on furnishings.

TC: Use comfy sofas and club chairs have your upholsterer make cushions.

#### Employ a green thumb.

JW: Gardens are temporal and sensual, so anything that can make one aware of the passing of time or provide sensory delights will heighten one's enjoyment and experience.

## 6 POOL READY



This pool area of a 1929 abode in Los Feliz features a fireplace that echoes the home's Spanish Colonial style. It also provides a focal point for a comfortable sitting area that designer Ryan Brown devised. Moroccan lanterns and RH settees and ottomans in hues reminiscent of the pool's tilework tie it together with a period feel. Here, Brown shares his tips for developing an inviting alfresco area. browndesigninc.com

Aim for comfort: In California, exterior entertaining areas are just as important as interiors. We design for a sophisticated and inviting look, but comfort is peramount.

Be flexible: From a practicability standpoint, tile or stone hardscapes look good and are easy to maintain. That said, we love the look of gravel for an outdoor space.

Consider functionality: Fireplaces make great focal points but there's a limit to the heat they produce, as you generally have to be sitting right on the hearth to feel the fire. Fire pits, on the other hand, allow guests to sit on multiple sides.

Think big: If you have the space, I recommend a loggia. Having a covered area that can be outfitted with lighting, heating and drapery allows you to create a destination for entertaining or lounging.

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