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Fresh-Air Decorating

"Having an outdoor room to use adds a different dimension to a house," says L.A. designer Michael Smith. "And in California, it's lovely to have what Katherine has—rooms that are outside but that flow from what's inside."

Smith approached Katherine Chez's small but varied outdoor spaces as extensions of her petite house: "Instead of using hard seating, we opted for sofas and chairs that have frames and cushions so they'd be as comfortable as the indoor furniture. We also added pieces like a console table, stools and sculpture. We tried to decorate in a roomlike way."



Each of Chez's half-dozen garden areas has a distinct function and personality, and though several are adjacent, none actually connect. The terrace off the living room (top right) is the most formal, with carefully pruned greenery, a sofa and armchairs, pale limestone floors and high, smooth white walls. A smaller terrace off the guest room, with a fountain splashing into a round pool, has an intimacy that adds to the bedroom's cozy feel. The dining area off the kitchen (above) is sheltered by a white pergola; a chandelier lends a romantic mood.

Smith's decorating choices for outdoor spaces echo the sophisti-



cated moves he makes indoors. To achieve a similar look, consider the following sources for outdoor furnishings: London's **Soane** (soane.co.uk) offers traditional English-style seating, lanterns and side tables. **Janus et Cie** (janusetcie.com) carries tables, chairs and lounge seating in wood, metal and a wickerlike synthetic. Many of the collections from **Sutherland** (sutherlandfurniture.com) have coordinating planters, too.

The fabric line that Michael Smith designed for **Cowtan & Tout** (above, from top: *Ravello Stripe*, *Amalfi*, *Palio*; to the trade, cowtan.com) includes six durable patterns for outdoor use.

Kravet's (kravet.com) Soleil outdoor fabrics come in a vibrant array of citrus shades, while the palette from **Pierre Frey** (pierrefrey.com) is more muted. For something with a prominent texture, check out the Durable Luxury fabrics from **Place Textiles** (placetextilesblog.com).

To accessorize a seating area, try **Inner Gardens** (innergardens.com) for planters, fountains and sculpture and **Pennoyer Newman** (pennoyernewman.com) for pots.

Barbara Israel (barbaraisrael.com) carries one-of-a-kind objects, urns, fountains and birdbaths from great estates; **Jamb** (jamblimited.com) has classically inspired stone urns in various sizes. Kevin Reilly's new indoor-outdoor metal lighting collection for **Holly Hunt** (left: *Passage Hanging Light*; to the trade, hollyhunt.com) is available in eight finishes. Finally, **Urban Archaeology**

(urbanarchaeology.com) sells outdoor lighting that

bridges the traditional and modern worlds.



Smith outdoors beyond the room shown above