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Throwing a Curve

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TO TRANSFORM A LOS ANGELES GARDEN, PATRICIA BENNER INSTALLS WALLS, PATHS, AND STEPS TO UNIFY THE SPACES—AND TO INTRIGUE AND DELIGHT VISITORS





The home in Bel Air was distinguished, designed by noted California architect, Gordon Kaufmann who had worked on the LA Times building. But its accompanying one-acre garden was in disrepair, confusing, and hard to navigate. The client asked

PATRICIA BENNER to better link the house with the pool and guest house on one side and a large, secluded natural bowl on the other. Benner installed stone retaining walls and a flight of steps to emphasize the bowl's gentle curve. California natives, drought-tolerant

Mediterranean plants, and grasses bleed into the lawn at its base, and a grassy corridor, narrowed with trees and lush plantings, creates a sense of mystery and drama as you round the curve and discover the pool and expansive open views.



