

HOLLYWOOD HIDEAWAY

TINSELTOWN INSPIRES A SANTA MONICA
DESIGNER'S OUTDOOR SPACE

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California designer and owner of Interior Archaeology Tammy Randall Wood grew up in Hollywood. Her father is a stuntman and second-unit director, responsible for creating chase scenes in such classic movies as “Raiders of the Lost Ark” and “Return of the Jedi.” So, of course, a bit of Hollywood glamour was bound to find its way into her Spanish Colonial home in the Santa Monica Mountains.

“The house feels like old Spain meets Old Hollywood with giant birds of paradise towering around the perimeter of the home,” she says. “The roof and turret are capped with three layers of terra-cotta roof tiles, thick and applied in the old way. Thirty pairs of French doors throughout the home all open to saltillo tile-covered patios or balconies. The goal was to lean in to the vibration of a time past and enjoy outdoor living in a way that felt natural to the space.”

Nowhere is that more evident than this inviting inner courtyard located near the front of the home. Randall Wood added a pergola, as well as an outdoor kitchen situated by the existing exterior fireplace. The fireplace got a refresh with the interior reappointed, painted and fitted with a skirt beneath and new lighting above.

To complete the space, Randall Wood added a custom-made dining table and Celerie Kemble chairs with Joe Ruggiero Sunbrella fabric. The result is a hidden oasis that provides the perfect scene for festive gatherings in the temperate Santa Monica climate.

“At night the fireplace takes the edge off of chilly SoCal evenings and lends a backdrop to keep guests hanging around the table till midnight,” she says. “As nice as the interiors are, outside is really where it’s at.” ▶