

The entrance to the home features an informal meadow of a variety of fescues planted with Birch trees and evergreens. A grove of Thuja marks the entrance to the backyard where a mature California Coast Oak dominates the landscape. A large expanse of lawn gives way at the rear of the property to a dry garden filled with cacti, succulents and Matilija Poppies. A flagstone terrace under a nearby oak provides a natural canopy for relaxing in the shade, while offering views of the San Gabriel Mountains in the distance. Hidden paths along the perimeter of the property are lined with tree ferns and Dancy tangerines. Stonework throughout the landscape includes many large boulders, a barbecue and koi pond.



**THE HURT GARDEN**


Sun shimmering through a grove of 100-year-old redwoods and majestic oaks provides the setting for this tranquil contemporary garden designed for the owners in 1961 by landscape architect Bob Eriksson, who is still involved 45 years later. In the mid 1990s the house and garden underwent a grand renaissance. Architect Ron Yeo converted this ranch-style house into today's warm, contemporary home that reflects its natural surroundings.

As part of the makeover, an art studio was built among the redwoods. A path of large stone pads connecting the studio to the house crosses a stream that emerges from the trees and forms a pond in front of the structure. The path continues stepping down the slope, past the glasshouse and a mass planting of ferns, Azaleas, Rhododendrons and Camellias. It terminates at a cutting garden behind the pool house. A wooden deck sweeps across the

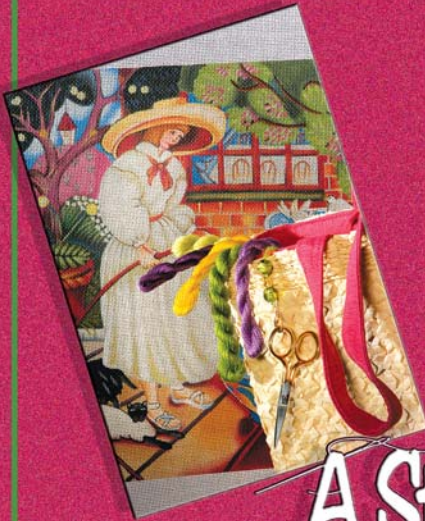
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