



The challenge for landscape architect Julianne Frizzell was to create a space for lawn, vegetables and fruit trees, play space and an outdoor dining area — all complementing the 1935 Andalusian architecture.



A TOUCH OF Southern Spain

New landscape satisfies long wish list



A visit to Spain inspired the Mediterranean garden design, with its formal, rectangular beds and strong axis and counter-axis.



Vegetables and fruits are grown in raised brick beds or espaliered along the wall.

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Isabelle and Scott Cole began working with landscape architect Julianne Frizzell to design their family's Palo Alto garden years before they were actually ready to plant anything — they first had to remodel their 1935 Andalusian (think Southern Spain) farmhouse.

Before they began working on the house, however, the Coles had a master plan for their garden in hand. Perhaps that is why their garden manages to serve so many



Mediterranean elements include ceramic pots and wrought-iron details. purposes while still remaining the most important thing a garden can be — a pleasant place to spend time.

Isabelle Cole says she gave Frizzell a long wish list of garden features. They include a style complementing the architecture of the home,



Nestled among the gravel are stepping-stone surprises.

lawn, vegetables and fruit trees, play places for their two daughters, space to entertain and relax, preservation of mature oaks, plantings to separate the home's corner lot from the street and even a petanque court for a French bowling game played by Isabelle's French relatives.

Frizzell was able to fulfill those and most of their other wishes, and, she says, "I had so much fun doing it."

A visit to Southern Spain inspired Frizzell's design, which includes formal aspects such as rectangular beds and a strong axis and counter-axis leading the eye from one

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Goal of project:

To create a Mediterranean-style garden to complement the Andalusian farmhouse-style home, with space for relaxing, growing vegetables and flowers, and room for kids to play

Year house built:

1935

Size of lot:

12,500 sq. ft.

Size of home:

4,600 sq. ft.

Time to complete:

6 months

Budget:

\$145,000