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INTERIOR DESIGNER TRACY MURDOCK'S MALIBU HOME couldn't represent her more: gorgeous, modern and constantly evolving. The house by Frederick Fisher is quite a stretch from a conventional Tudor home, the style Murdock studied when working alongside former husband David Murdock. But as the founder and principal designer of her company, Tracy Murdock Interior Design, she has opted for a fresher and more cutting edge concept for her abode. "I love it," she explains. "It's my own version of modern." Currently she's busy uprooting her front lawn to create a Japanese garden, so that every aspect of her house will have a contemporary Asian theme. Encased within frosted glass walls, the private, peaceful includes a traditional Japanese table, delicate bonsai, and serene waterfalls.

Murdock's approach to designing some of Southern California's most lavish digs comes from a broad spectrum of personal and professional experience. "I've probably had four different lives wherein I reinvented myself and changed my career," she says. "Looking back on it now, I can see how each thing brought me to where I am."

While Murdock never intended to pursue this line of work, she always had a creative eye. As "the Bijan girl" in the eighties, she worked as a model and a director in numerous ad campaigns. Twenty years later, she dove into the client-driven interior design business. Murdock became known in Calabasas for the modern twists on classic structures, like a royal purple room decked out with Pucci pillows and white accents in an English-style home. Now equipped with a limitless palette of styles, fabrics, imagination, and oftentimes budget, this artist is ready to take Malibu by storm. "I've got a lot of work standing behind me for the six years I've been out on my own," she says.

Murdock has fallen in love with Malibu's beachside community and plans to make her mark on the luxurious yet easy-going resort town that rivals some of the best in the nation. "I love hotel living because you want to live, relax, and get away -- yet have everything," she says. "And that's how you want to make your home feel. You want to feel like you're on vacation when you're in your home." -- EUNICE KIM

