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**NEW OUTDOOR  
KITCHEN IDEAS**

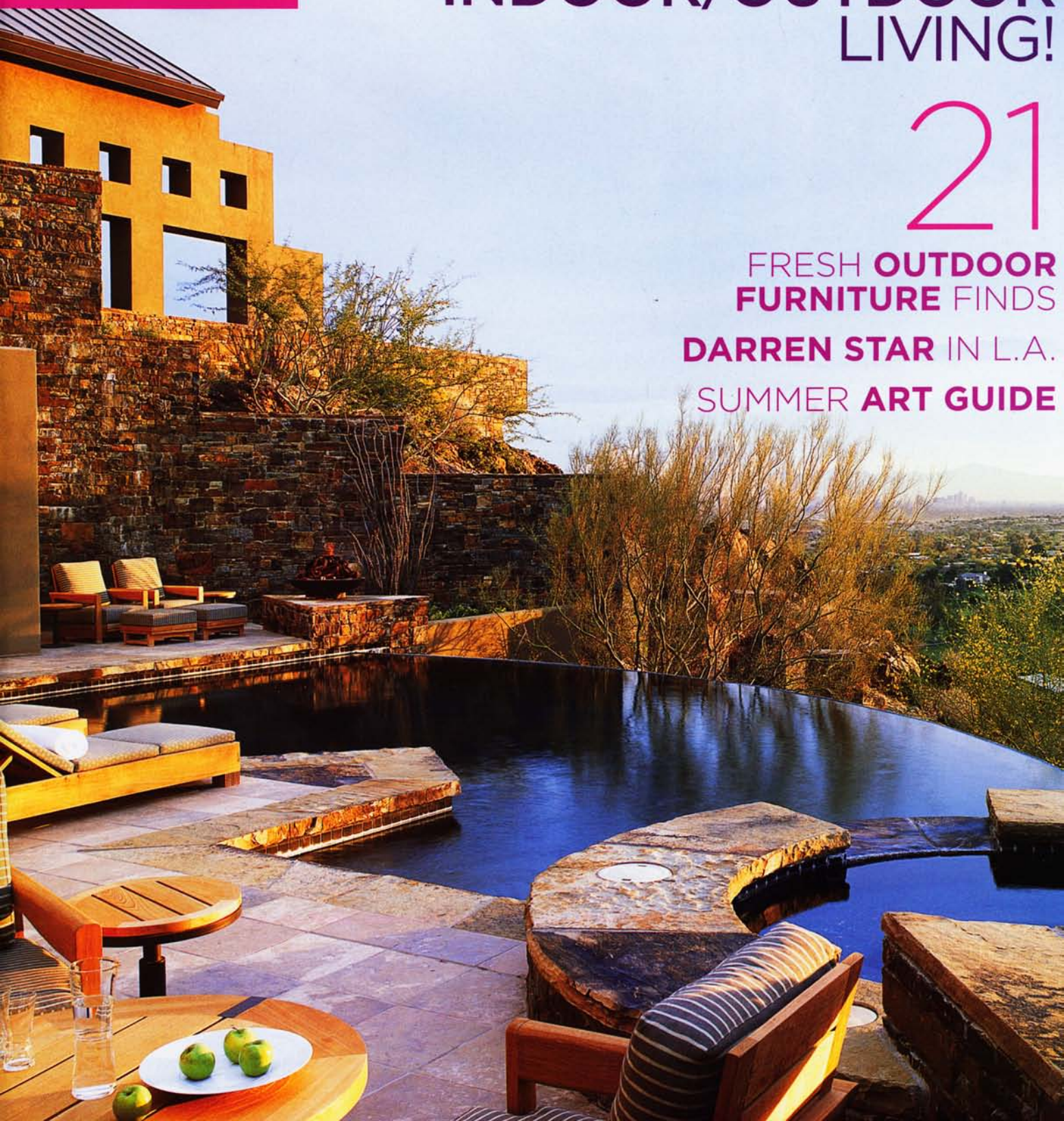
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**“Everything a person does in a living room should be possible outside as well,” says designer Tim Clarke.**

**“THE OLD IDEA WAS TO PUT A COUPLE OF CHAISE LONGUES BY** the pool and maybe an umbrella, and call it a day,” says designer Tim Clarke, who created the interior of an open-air pool house conceived by architect Grant Kirkpatrick of KAA Design Group in Pacific Palisades, California. “But today we’re doing full-on dining and living rooms, effectively bringing the interior outside.”

Clarke, who grew up in Kansas, revels in the freedom that warmer climates provide for year-round outdoor entertainment possibilities. “It’s a way to expand your square footage, that’s for sure,” says the designer, who brought in large-scale furnishings of teak and wicker and grouped them into two living and dining areas beneath the reed-covered pitched ceiling. Though the use of natural materials is meant to reference an island aesthetic, he was careful to maintain a sense of formality and symmetry to mimic the overall design scheme of the main house. “The idea was to have a resort-like destination in the back yard, but we didn’t want the furniture to feel out of character,” he explains.

For the pool area, which is partially covered in blue stone from Exquisite Surfaces, the designer grouped Sutherland and Brown Jordan chaise longues paired with large pillows, and he strategically placed a variety of hurricane lamps and lanterns to keep the lighting to a minimum. “You want an outdoor room to be lit as if illuminated by a full moon,” he says.

But above all, Clarke says, “keep it comfortable and keep it easy. If you can’t just go outside and be, you won’t use the space. It’s just nice to be outside.”

—text by Amanda Dameron/photography by Dominique Vorillon



## **DETAILS: LOS ANGELES**

Covered in textiles from Perennials Outdoor Fabrics, durable furnishings from Brown Jordan and Sutherland withstand outdoor conditions.

Several areas for seating and lounging allow varied locations for entertaining.

Hurricane lanterns and assorted lamps provide differing levels of light, inspiring a cozy and inviting atmosphere.



