



**Blurred Boundaries** “When we meet with clients, we’re always trying to break down the wall between interior and outdoor spaces,” says Peter White, principal of landscape architecture firm ZEN Associates ([zenassociates.com](http://zenassociates.com)). “We talk about how important it is that the outside of the house connects to the interior.” In this case, the homeowners wanted both the yard and the 8,000-square-foot house to accommodate large parties and gatherings while still feeling comfortable for the young family when it’s just them at home. White and his team designed an outdoor kitchen and dining area off of the kitchen in the house, and a pool along the back of the property. To make the pool feel like a separate space, it’s raised a few steps above the terrace. While stone walls frame the other areas, copper-toned metal walls were used as fencing for the pool enclosure. Halfway up the back wall, a sheet of water spills out to create a modern waterfall. Walls are inset with LED light strips and trees contain accent lighting to ensure that even on the darkest evenings, the area is illuminated.