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DESERT DREAMS
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**CITY CHIC IN
SAN FRANCISCO**

**EUROPEAN
INFLUENCE IN
SILICON VALLEY**







A custom duvet cover rendered in a rich silk plaid makes a bold statement in the master bedroom, opposite. Oversized chairs and tables on the patio, above, offer enticement to enjoy the desert setting.

By emphasizing exotic, luxurious textures such as silk, leather, wool, and wood—all in earth tones—Gardner cultivated a sense of refinement and calm to contrast with the parrot-green lushness of the view seen through the glass.

"My philosophy on this house is serenity," she says. Splashes of color, mostly found in the dramatic works of contemporary art that the Evanses have strategically placed throughout the house, keep it from becoming monotonous. "A room without a touch of color is like a woman without lipstick," laughs Gardner.

And the Evanses are passionate collectors of "lipsticks," with etched copper panels by Marie Maretska flanking the fireplace, a brightly painted iron sculpture by Delos Van Earl just outside the living room windows, and Jacqueline Angove oil and mixed media paintings in the dining room.

Fully aware that her choice palette was taupe and beige and that the lines needed to be as simple as possible, Gardner encouraged her clients to visit the J. Robert Scott showroom in Los Angeles. Her instincts were right on, as the Evanses fell in love