water feature in tranquil setting

from above to below, from left to right: beautiful pool area with boulders, pool with mountain views and surrounding palm trees

Albi Estate

Paradise Valley, Arizona, USA

Landscape Architect: Exteriors by Chad Robert
Year of completion: 2006
Gross floor area: 6,880
Design elements used: hand-carved Cantera stone pots, fountains, antique floor tiles, tropical plants
Plants used: Phoenix dactylifera 'Medjool', Phoenix canariensis, Chamaerops humilis, Citrus, Agaves species

This garden was designed to become a series of collections, inspired by the homeowner's favorite travel destinations and pastimes. Maximizing the excellent views of the mountains and Arizona sunsets, the designs of the individual gardens include references to an Andalusian courtyard, an Italian villa, a moonlight garden, and a butterfly and hummingbird garden, creating a strikingly diverse collection of gardens for the owner. The spaces are each unique in feeling and style yet they seem to blend effortlessly from one to another and create a cohesive composition. The selection of the boulders used on the project was somewhat challenging as the color needed to be a near perfect match to the distant mountains, in order to 'connect' the mountain to the garden. The swimming pool was designed to create a tranquil space, which would reflect views of the mountains.

from above to below, from left to right: concept plan, glass water feature, front garden with stunning mountain backdrop, tropical planting

from above to below,: water feature in front of plantings, elegant Mediterranean court

from above to below: sun drenched pool, front entry flanked by palm trees, sunny lounge area with pool

Shaded front entrance

Valley Vista Estate

Paradise Valley, Arizona, USA

Landscape Architect: Exteriors by Chad Robert
Architect: Carson Poetzl Architects
Year of completion: 2009
Gross floor area: 9,712
Design elements used: Italian travertine, brick, Cantera stone, Pebbles, mosaic tiles
Plants used: citrus, date palms, Mediterranean fan palms, native plants from the Sonoran desert

This tropical oasis is reminiscent of the architecture of southern Spain. The white stucco walls, red-tiled roofs, hand carved stone detailing, and the use of Moorish tile, are typical of this architectural style. The rear garden was remodeled to include a new swimming pool and spa with Moroccan tile accents. The streets and courtyards of Cordoba, Spain inspired the detailed tiles and mosaic pebble work on the entry walk and steps. The primary entry to the residence is flanked by two private courtyards; one with a strong Moorish theme, Moorish style fireplace, fountain and covered dining terrace. The master bathroom courtyard has its own private fireplace and the outdoor rug was created with thousands of tiny white and black pebbles individually hand set.

from above to below, from left to right: concept plan, water feature and fire place, fire pit

from above to below, from left to right: pool shaded by palm trees, courtyard, front courtyard flanked by palms