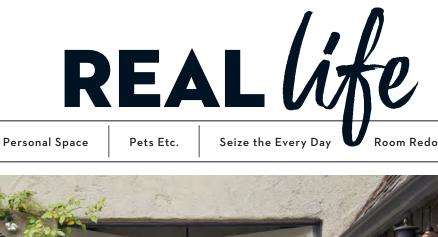
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Emily has fully embraced the indoor-outdoo

Cali lifestyle: French doors in her dining and living rooms open onto the patio, where you'll find potted plants, statement tiles, and, at

the moment, her daughter and son playing with toy cameras.

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PERSONAL SPACE





Part patio and part shaded lawn, the outdoor space is what drew designer Emily Henderson and her husband, Brian, to their Tudor-style Los Angeles home. After living in outdoorsy Oregon, they wanted a place where kids Charlie, 4, and Elliot, 2, could run wild. The space wasn't always #backyardgoals; initially the patio was 50 shades of greige, and the yard, despite its old-growth trees, kinda standard fare. But Emily, a former magazine stylist, decorator, and Target's resident Home Style Expert, loves a decorating challenge (and documenting it for her readers at stylebyemilyhenderson.com). Emily quickly got to work; she splurged on bold geometric Granada tiles, which established a cheery blue and off-white color scheme, and then separated the patio into eating and lounging zones with comfy neutral furniture from Target. To spruce up the garden, Emily and her landscapers added hearty, colorful plants throughout and built a raised stone seating area in the grass for morning coffee (or evening cocktail hour). For the littles, the Hendersons commissioned a playhouse castle, painted to match their fencing. The projects took time, energy, and, yes, money, but since the yard has become a daily hangout spot and party central on the weekends, Emily has no regrets. "It's such a

definitely perfect for a Fourth of July shindig."



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THE GARDEN IS FOR INTIMATE CONVERSATIONS, WHEREAS THE DINING TABLE IS FOR A LOUDER GROUP," SAYS EMILY. "THERE'S ROOM FOR EVERYONE, INCLUDING THE KIDDOS."



Striped blankets and pillows in the yard (above) create a loungey area for guest overflow that's also a great spot for hanging with babies and keeping an eye on the bigger kids. Family fun is at the top of Emily's party to-do list. Today it's all about a Fourth of July scavenger hunt using a hand-drawn map (below). Elliot and Charlie search for their first clue and play cornhole (below left) while Emily finishes decorating.

