

# City Charm

What this patio lacks in space, it makes up for with Mediterranean allure. Located across the street from Denver's Washington Park, the lot is tight, with minimal privacy. "Our goal was to make an outdoor living space that was a continuation of the house," says Scott Parker of Nest Architectural Design, the Denver firm tapped to dream up the entire 5,000-square-foot home, which takes its cues from Spanish styles of architecture. Led by project manager Laura Parsons, the Nest team designed two rustic wooden pergolas—one off the front of the house, the other off the back—to create

secluded yet airy outdoor "rooms." To tie them together, Parker explains, "we ran two timber beams through the house from front to back, from pergola to pergola."

On the back patio, thoughtfully chosen design elements help maintain the intimate feel. A stone fireplace adds a cozy touch while providing a degree of privacy for the seating areas, and creeping greenery climbs up (and, eventually, across) the pergola for a romantic vineyard-esque feel—a slice of European charm in the city.



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# Views For Days

Tasked with remodeling a South Boulder home after it was ravaged by floods, the team at Mosaic Architects & Interiors quickly realized that water damage wasn't its only flaw. "Nothing was responding to the views and context of the home," says Mosaic's senior architect Rachel Lee—and that included the outdoor space. "Everything was positioned the wrong way; it didn't take advantage of what was there." In other words, Lee says, "the house wanted to realign itself to the view."

That meant adding about 350 square feet to the footprint, tilting the orientation of the

home on its axis to face northwest, and angling the patio—the edges of which curve gently in harmony with the surrounding hills—to capture views of the Flatirons. In keeping with the client's Buddhist sensibilities and Zen approach to space, a natural buff sandstone sculpture provides an eye-catching endpoint to a sightline that begins at the front door and extends through the living room and outside to the patio. "It's an unusual feature that draws you through the house, [invites you to] pause, then draws you out to the wilds beyond," Lee says. ☺