



The stepping-stone path winds through the back garden. A screened room on the rear of the guesthouse is a great place to relax.

needed and changed out seasonally. In the front garden, pots of flowers set in the beds focus your eye on the front door. On the side yard terrace, they decorate a cozy place to sit.

Goal 4: Keep It Simple

Notice how the landscape relies on layered sweeps of evergreen plants to define spaces. Notice, too, that most sweeps contain only a few kinds of plants. “The Moores wanted both a

manicured look and low maintenance,” recalls Stephen. “This was a challenge, because manicured gardens usually require a lot of upkeep. I got around that by minimizing the number of different plants.”

For example, sweeps of mondo grass and ‘Bronze Beauty’ Asian star jasmine edge the front lawn and walk; a bed of ‘Xanadu’ philodendron hugs the screened room of the guesthouse. Taller evergreens, such as holly,

Japanese cleyera, lady palm, yellow anise, and Southern magnolia, form the “walls” of the garden rooms.

The Right Size for Right Now

“At this stage in our lives, we want soothing not stimulating,” says Kim. “We want old loafers as opposed to designer shoes.” Jan thinks of their home as a comfortable refuge—something they couldn’t have found in a big castle.

