



FAVORITE ROOMS

Oasis in the City

The owner of a Woodley Park home was surrounded by embassies and, on one side—though at a distance—a Marriott hotel. With an affinity for outdoor living, he longed to take full advantage of his yard for entertaining and relaxing—however, privacy was a major issue. When it came time to renovate his home, he tapped Anthony Wilder for the job, which included the design of a private outdoor space where guests could feel at home.

Wilder began with a slate hardscape and created a two-level living space, centered round a double-sided fireplace. On one side sits the living area; on the other side the dining area floor has been sunken to allow the installation of a nine-foot stucco wall that encloses the back of the property. Thus, Wilder created a privacy wall to screen the host and his guests from the surrounding neighborhood. An existing pool lies at one end of the living area.



In DC's urban Woodley Park, Anthony Wilder creates a secluded outdoor escape

The homeowner, who loves to travel, chose a French eclectic look for both his house and outdoor spaces. Along the stucco wall, Wilder installed 20 custom gas lanterns in a bronzed finish that exemplify this style, and the owner himself hung a candelabra on a taut cable above the dining table as a chandelier. The fireplace mantel is made of limestone that looks like part of the integrated-stone fireplace, and a periwinkle blue door adds to the ambience.

Wilder chose greenery that would provide privacy, including 25- to 30-foot bamboo plants that block the view of the yard from the hotel. "We thought, 'Let's start out with the privacy already in place,'" he says.

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