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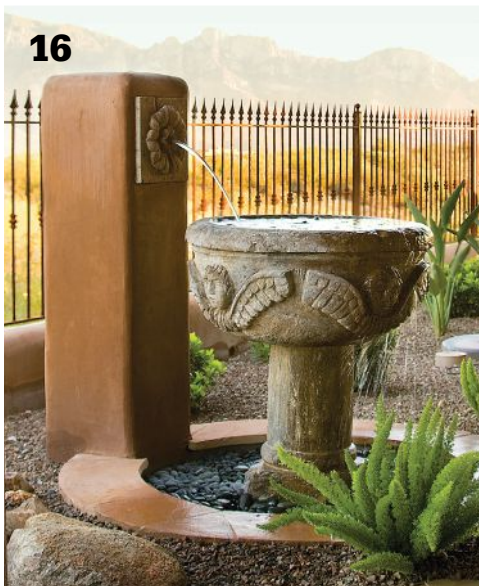
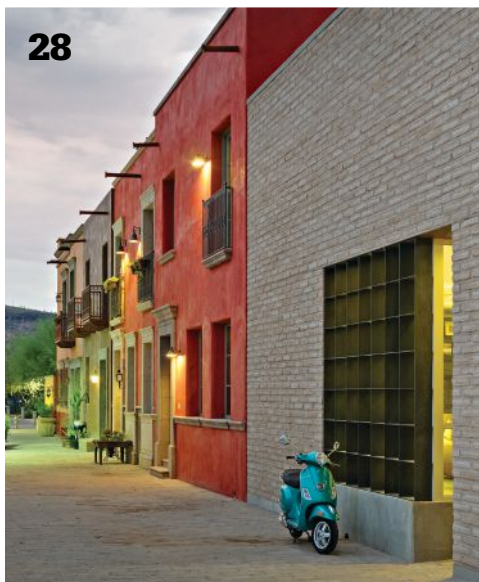
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Photo by Liam Frederick.



Trickle-Down Effect

Seventy-one percent of the Earth's surface is covered by water — no wonder that even in the midst of the desert we are drawn to it.

You can enliven your landscape with H₂O in a variety of ways, including adding everything from koi ponds to reflecting pools to fountains.

Positioning the water feature is important, because not only does it have to fit, and complement your landscaping, you will want to take advantage of the soothing sounds it can produce.

If you have children, you may want to consider having a splash pad installed, which can provide entertainment for them without necessitating having the area fenced off.

And if you're a wildlife watcher, even a small bubbler pot fountain will attract hummingbirds and other colorful winged inhabitants.

Peruse our pictorial for ways to make water work for you!



1. *The Wheel Deal*

A cantara mill stone flows water into an octagonal basin, providing a serene spot in an entry courtyard. Design by Realm. Photo courtesy of Realm.

2. *Poured Over*

Pot and scupper jets create a symphony of water sounds. Design by Premier Pools & Spas. Photo by William Lesch

3. *Bubble Up*

Glazed pottery bubbler fountain supplies accents of color. Landscape design by Boxhill Design. Photo by Emily Jones.



1. *Top Of The Pots*

Ceramic pottery makes an ideal pond-less fountain. Available at Mesquite Valley Growers Nursery. Photo courtesy of Mesquite Valley Growers Nursery.

2. *Mission Accomplished*

A "mission-style" stone fountain lends a focal point to this sundrenched courtyard garden. Available at Zona Fountains. Landscape design by Blue Agave Landscape Design. Photo by Thomas Veneklasen.

2. *License To Spill*

The cobalt blue tiles of this spillway create the illusion of a larger body of water. Design by Pools by Design. Photo by Jon Bae.

4. *Scupper Time*

A mosaic of sparkling glass tile forms the backdrop for scuppers that empty into a narrow pool. Design by Sonoran Gardens Inc. Landscape design by Sven Gunn. Photo by Liam Frederick.





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5. *By Way Of Bombay*

A baptismal font from India was repurposed as a waterfall basin in this quiet patio. Landscape Design by Blue Agave Landscape Designs. Photo by Thomas Veneklasen.

6. *Tiers To Ya*

A traditional tiered cantara stone fountain adds glamour to this home's grand entry. Available from Cantara Custom Creations. Photo courtesy of Cantara Custom Creations.

7. *The Water Channel*

This home is tuned into nature, with the sight and sound of water slipping into a sleek concrete embellished basin. Design by Architectural Landscaping, Inc. Photo courtesy of Architectural Landscaping, Inc. **HG**



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