

**DESIGNER TIP**

In outdoor rooms, keep the decor clean-lined and free of knickknacks for a truly serene escape. (This retreat has hidden storage behind wood-planked walls.) Rattan chairs from Pieces and copper lanterns by Bevolo add polish.

1**Multiuse magic**

Originally constructed as a space for the owners' creative pursuits, the folly has also become a destination for entertaining or working al fresco, says Wright Marshall of Revival Construction.

2**Bright ideas**

Steel windows and doors—along with small clerestory windows to bring in more light—keep the structure bright and airy. Architect Hoyte Johnson designed an elegant pyramid copper roof and attached a storage shed off the back.

3**Refined reinvention**

"When the tree came down, the yard went from shady to sunny," says landscape architect John Howard. That change allowed the garden plan to include a small lawn and freed up Cherokee pavers from a former patio to incorporate around the project.

4**Garden goals**

The landscape plan is intentionally minimalist, says Howard; it's dotted with Southern favorites such as hydrangeas, irises, and ferns. A stunning view of the Midtown skyline is a bonus feature.

A FINE FOLLY

When a tree knocked down the freestanding garage in this Brookwood Hills backyard, the homeowners created a charming pavilion—a type of outbuilding sometimes called a garden folly.

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