

A SHOWER WITH A VIEW

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The outdoor shower has become quite the social climber.

“Before, you’d see only people with pools putting in showers,” says landscape designer Joan Grabel. “Now, it’s an elemental part of a garden, like firepits or outdoor kitchens.”

Almost any solid material (rock, glass, stone, ceramic) will work; to dodge tarnish, fixtures must be pure metals or high-quality chrome plating.

Architect May Sung of KAA Design Group built an outdoor shower with a glass mosaic backdrop. Project designer Brett Barrett is installing a shower into the roof line of a house; it turns on at a preset water temperature when the user breaks an infrared beam with his hand.

“A while back, you just put a hose outside,” says Sung.

(Top) Barrett gives a clean, uninterrupted look to the overall design with a well-placed shower at this Sunset Plaza home.

(Bottom, left) For this Manhattan Beach home, Sung mixed her client’s wish to maintain the Cape Cod feel of her home with convenience for her client’s surfer husband and two young daughters.

(Bottom, right) Architect David Hertz designed this inconspicuous shower for his own Venice home, offering both privacy and accessibility to the family’s pool.