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SHADED BY A REDWOOD TREE AND ENTWINED IN CLIMBING ROSES, A ROMANTIC GAZEBO IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CONJURES A RELAXED STYLE WITH MOROCCAN ACCENTS.

Tasked with reimagining the gazebo of a 1930s house for modern-day enjoyment, San Francisco designer April Powers created a vibrant, Moroccan-inspired interior that's perfect for post-pool lounging or predinner drinks. Performance fabrics in warm tones pop against the structure's sage exterior. The property's gardens were designed by Katrine Benninger.

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An octagonal teak coffee table echoes the shape of the gazebo. The banquette, fitted with drawers for storing extra pillows and towels, has a cushion and pillows in Pindler fabrics. The curtains are in Chella Textiles' Sun Screen. **OPPOSITE:** The Stark outdoor rug can be hosed down—helpful when needles from the adjacent redwood blow in each autumn. FOR MORE DETAILS, SEE RESOURCES

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When San Francisco designer April Powers first laid eyes on the rose-covered gazebo in the garden of a client's recently purchased 1930s home in Oakland, she was charmed. "The property has a meandering, almost parklike feel," she says. But the gazebo's setup at the time—with a stone table and benches inside—was unwelcoming. "I knew it would be fun to make it into a more usable space for relaxing and entertaining." The tea roses that blanketed it were undeniably

romantic, but the greenery presented a challenge: Powers couldn't repaint the sage-green structure without stripping off the flowers. Instead, she decided to preserve it.

Taking a cue from the owners' love of Spain, Powers studded the space with nods to Moorish design, like an ogee-detail teak coffee table and loungy floor cushions. A custom banquette provides extra seating and storage, while sheer curtains diffuse the light. Indoor/outdoor fabrics in exuberant colors pop against the gazebo's green latticework. Now, the folly is a family favorite. "It's the perfect place for reading or hanging out," Powers says. "And when the roses are in bloom, it's an incredible experience."

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The adults love to come out to the gazebo to have a glass of wine, and the kids hang out here after spending the day in the pool.