



Back Yard: Draft 1 - A

1A Notes:

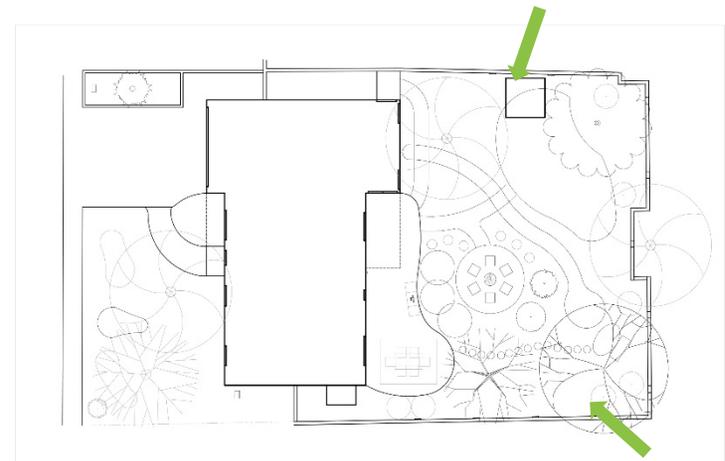
This layout places the firepit and garden in the center of the yard. The large circles represent large ground crops (e.g. squash and watermelon).

The BBQ is added to the existing patio with no seating area added to allow movement behind it. Shown as a rectangle, but would be ideal to follow existing curve.

The northeast corner is the grass area and play house that is accessed by a bridge. The large tree in the corner is a full sized fig. With the large amount of shade in this corner it is conceivable to plant clover (dichondra) as the grass, which requires no mowing.

The zen area is in the southeast corner, currently only showing a bench overlooking the catchment area.

Two new desert trees are located in the south. Both are deciduous so will not block too much sun to the garden in the winter when the sun is low.

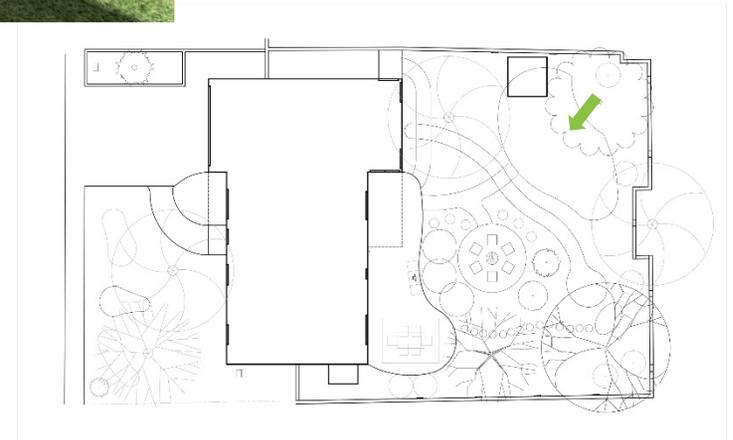




1A Notes:

The garden in this layout uses wine barrel halves, which will keep out gophers and can be covered with shade or bird cloth using bamboo stakes.

In all designs the view to play area is kept clear.

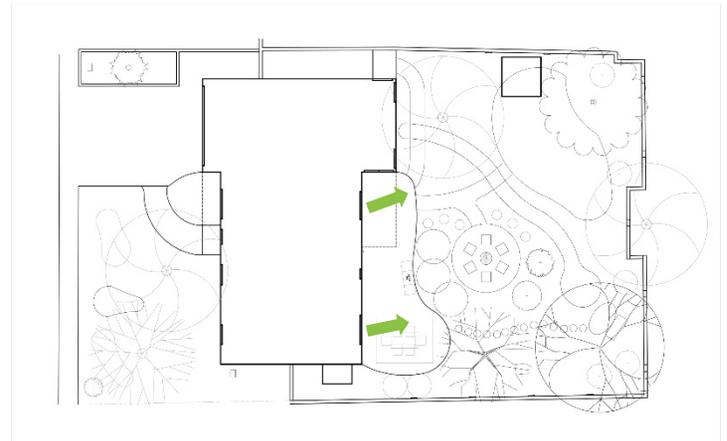




1A Notes:

Top patio view shows the path entering from the side yard and a glimpse of a bridge crossing the wash from the down spout as well as the bridge to the play area.

Bottom patio view shows stepping stones to zen area. Once filled with plants the path and the area itself will be less conspicuous making it more secret/private.



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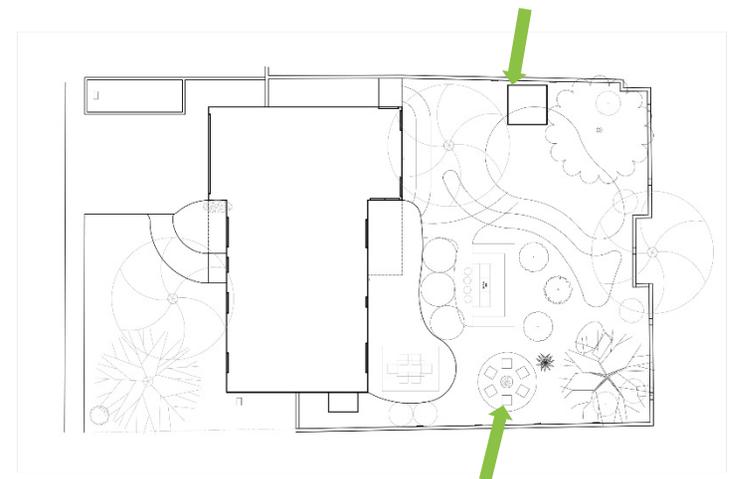
1B Notes:

This layout places the grill, with attached bar/seating area and garden in the center of the yard. The garden is either a series of connected raised planters shown 18" tall. Permanent stakes could easily be attached during construction to use as bird cloth/shade support for when it is needed.

The northeast corner remains the grass area and play house with large fig tree.

The zen area remains in the southeast corner.

Firepit replaces second south tree. Currently very open, but will be more concealed with plants, large perennial foods and/or desert plants.



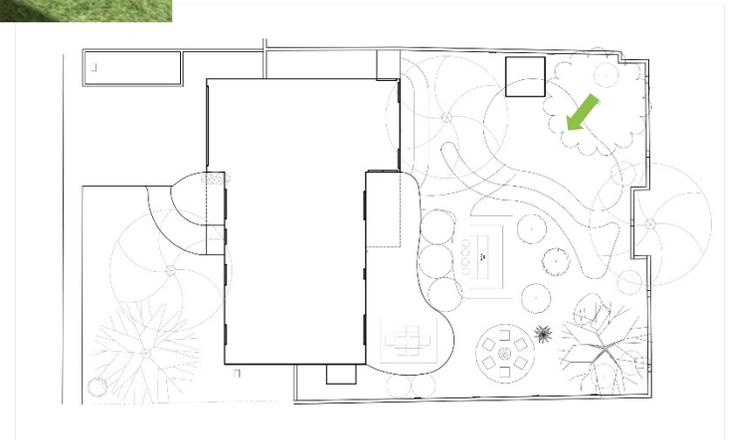
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1B Notes:

The one downfall of the central grill is that there is no shade. The firepit without shade makes sense, but grilling in the sun is no fun. An umbrella could be used to minimize this problem.



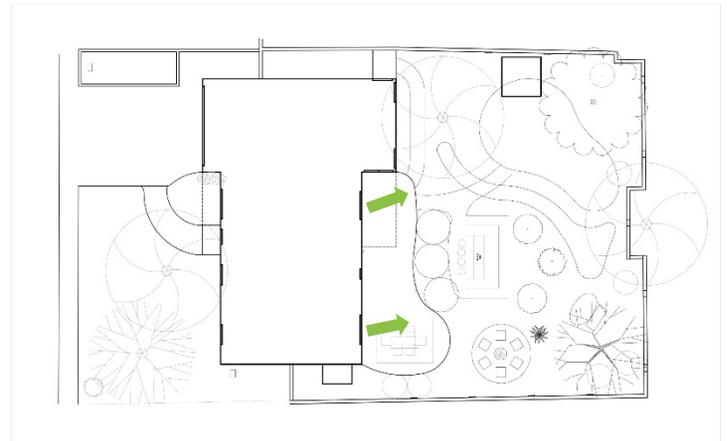


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1B Notes:

Top patio view: this plan shows the option for the wash starts away from the house, which will require an underground pipe, but eliminates the need for a second bridge.

Bottom patio view shows some large plants (artichoke and lemon grass) near the firepit. These will get 3-4' tall. Placing the fruit trees in this area is also an option, as is keeping the south side full desert.





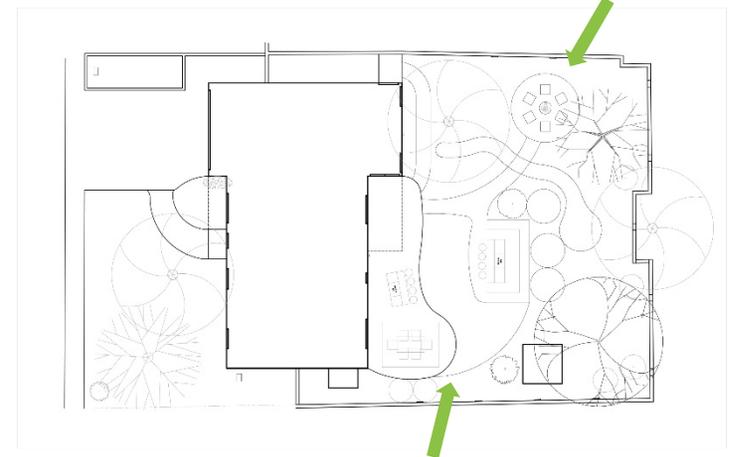
1C Notes:

Garden and grill remain central, but with grass being the buffer between the patio and the grill. The play area is moved to be close to the grass and is shaded by a Desert Willow (as this tree grows slightly larger and quite a bit faster than an Ironwood).

The northeast corner holds the firepit and the Ironwood. This area will be fully desert.

This plan is currently not showing the zen area, but there is quite a bit of space behind the garden area, however it is currently not very private. Placing the fruit trees in the back again would provide that, or making the planter box taller (to 3' tall).

Only showing two small fruit trees, a citrus and the fig, both 6'. Pending the type of citrus dwarf is preferred, but other fruit trees can be bought standard and maintained small by pruning.



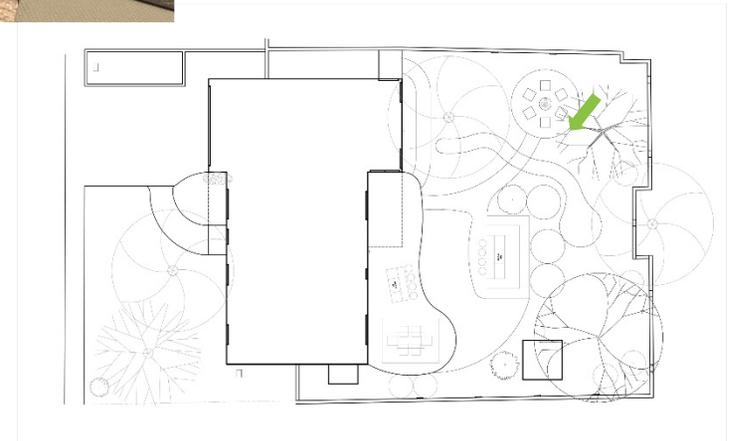
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1C Notes:

View of large crops behind the planter boxes, dwarf fruit trees placed so as not to shade the area too much, and large perennial foods tucked in.

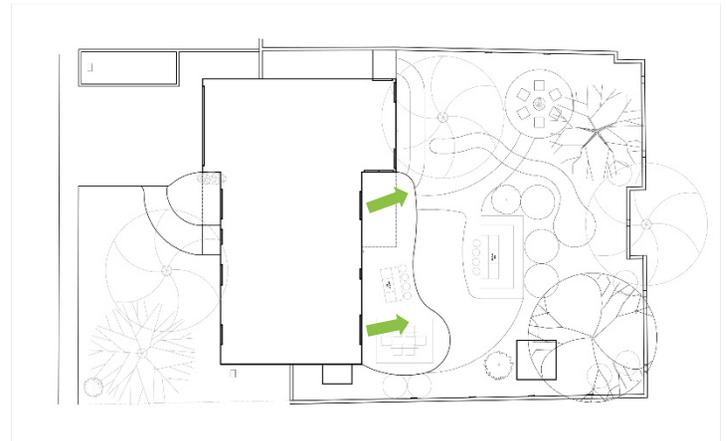




1C Notes:

Top patio view: Firepit and grill area

Bottom patio view: This layout provides almost a full clear view of the entire yard as the fruit trees are not blocking the view. Good and bad insofar as it minimizes the privacy in the back that could be the zen area.



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