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Who needs plants, anyway? Architect Michael Antenora of Austin, Texas, built this arbored gate of construction-grade redwood to enclose an outdoor space. Collin McIntyre of Lost Pines Metalwork fabricated the steel brackets. Photos by Paul Bardagjy/ Through the Lens Mgmt.



A Gothic gate.
Taking a cue from the main house, designer Martin Moore planned this trellised arch to shade the entrance to the property. Photo by Brian Vanden Brink.

Living room without walls. It stays warm in Texas, so most folks spend a fair amount of time outside. This vine-covered arbor includes lighting, stereo speakers, and a fan to move sluggish air. Designed by Dick Clark Architects; built by Bill Dorman; photo by Paul Bardagjy/Through the Lens Mgmt.

