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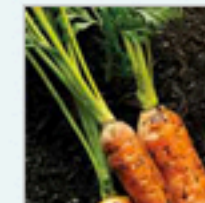
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Another example of a guilt-free lawn

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Lawn was the perfect choice to surround the pool of this Trabuco Canyon backyard designed by Orange County landscape architect, [Alison Terry](#).



For one thing, though the homeowners wanted a pool for exercise, they wanted it to be as low-key as possible so that it would not detract from the natural beauty of their setting. Terry's solution was a "jewel in the rough" approach. The clean lines of the simple rectangular pool seem twice as elegant with the contrast of a shaggy green carpet coming right up to its edges. "Lots of hardscape would have been overwhelming," says Terry. "This looks much softer." A blue pool finish (Bella Blue Pebble Fina) makes the water shimmer like aquamarine.



Secondly the grass is no thirsty fescue. It is [UC Verde](#) buffalo grass which has extremely modest water requirements. "The same as the California natives used in this garden," says Terry. It can be mown like a regular lawn or left alone for a more meadowy look. (For more about UC Verde and other no-mow lawn grasses, [see this post](#).)

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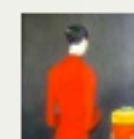
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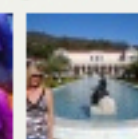
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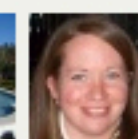
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