HGTV**Remodels**

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Part I: The Givens

Who will use the yard?

- [ ] Adults
- [ ] Children
- [ ] Eldery
- [ ] Pets

When is the yard used?

- [ ] Spring
- [ ] Summer
- [ ] Fall
- [ ] Winter

What are the primary activities?

- [ ] Playing
- [ ] Entertaining
- [ ] Vegetable gardening
- [ ] Display gardening
- [ ] Swimming
- [ ] Other _____

Maintenance

- [ ] DIY
- [ ] Professional crew

Existing elements that can't/don't need to be changed:

- [ ] Fence
- [ ] Flower beds
- [ ] Pond
- [ ] Pool
- [ ] Structures (shed, arbor, etc.)
- [ ] Trees

Issues:

- [ ] Access/egress
- [ ] Allergies _____
- [ ] Drainage/erosion
- [ ] Fire risk
- [ ] Insects
- [ ] Invasive plants

Issues (cont.):

- [ ] Irrigation
- [ ] Lack of cohesion
- [ ] Lack of curb appeal
- [ ] Lighting
- [ ] Noise
- [ ] Overgrowth
- [ ] Parking
- [ ] Pets
- [ ] Privacy
- [ ] Security
- [ ] Shade
- [ ] Slope
- [ ] Storage
- [ ] Sun Exposure
- [ ] Transition areas/flow
- [ ] Walkways
- [ ] Wildlife
- [ ] Wind
- [ ] Other _____

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Part II: Wish List

Tip: To prioritize your wish list, put one star for items that are **Desirable,** and two stars for ones that are **Essential**.

Storage Needs

- ☐ Bicycles
- ☐ Garbage/Recycling cans
- ☐ Garden equipment & supplies
- ☐ Lawn furniture & cushions
- ☐ Outdoor toys
- ☐ Pool toys
- ☐ Sports equipment
- ☐ Other _____

Accessories

- ☐ Bench
- ☐ Bird feeder
- ☐ Boulders
- ☐ Flag pole
- ☐ Furniture
- ☐ Putting green
- ☐ Sculpture
- ☐ Swing

Structural Features

- ☐ Arbor/Arch/Trellis
- ☐ Fence
- ☐ Fire feature
- ☐ Fountain
- ☐ Gazebo
- ☐ Greenhouse
- ☐ Mound/berm
- ☐ Outdoor kitchen
- ☐ Patio or deck
- ☐ Pet run
- ☐ Pergola
- ☐ Playset
- ☐ Pool
- ☐ Pool house
- ☐ Sandbox
- ☐ Shading
- ☐ Storage/potting shed
- ☐ Water feature

Water/plumbing Features

- ☐ Fountain
- ☐ French drain
- ☐ Hot tub
- ☐ Irrigation system
- ☐ Misting system
- ☐ Pond/waterfall
- ☐ Pool
- ☐ Rain barrel
- ☐ Dry creek
- ☐ Grassed swale

Garden Features

- ☐ Compost
- ☐ Container garden
- ☐ Raised beds
- ☐ Rockery
- ☐ Vegetable beds

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Lighting

- [ ] Ground
- [ ] Flood lights
- [ ] Lamp posts
- [ ] Motion-detection
- [ ] Spot lights
- [ ] Solar-powered

Hardscapes

- [ ] Artificial turf
- [ ] Decking
- [ ] Field stone
- [ ] Gravel
- [ ] Paths
- [ ] Pavers
- [ ] Retaining walls
- [ ] Stairs
- [ ] Stepping stones
- [ ] Walkways

Plant Preferences

- [ ] Deciduous trees/shrubs
- [ ] Deer-proof
- [ ] Evergreen trees/shrubs
- [ ] Flowering trees/shrubs
- [ ] Flowers
- [ ] Annuals
- [ ] Perennials
- [ ] Fruit Trees/shrubs
- [ ] Full sun
- [ ] Grass
- [ ] Ground cover
- [ ] Hedges
- [ ] Herbs
- [ ] Low-water
- [ ] Native
- [ ] Roses
- [ ] Shade
- [ ] Vegetables
- [ ] Vines

Design Preferences & Philosophy

- [ ] Formal
- [ ] Laid-back
- [ ] Bird-friendly
- [ ] Butterfly-friendly
- [ ] Organic
- [ ] Sustainable
- [ ] Alpine
- [ ] Asian
- [ ] Country cottage
- [ ] Cutting garden
- [ ] English
- [ ] European
- [ ] Meadow/prairie
- [ ] Rock garden
- [ ] Tropical
- [ ] Water garden
- [ ] Woodland

Favorite colors: _____

Least favorite colors: _____