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Trickling water over a glass mosaic tile water feature in a backyard pool in Irvine, Calif. The tile was installed by Jimmy Reed of Rock Solid Tile, Calabasas, Calif. See Spotlight, back page, for more information.

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Vibrant Tile Art

An unusually long and narrow (48-by-13) aquatic setting provided the structural canvas for this stunning tile masterpiece from Jimmy Reed and Rock Solid Tile. The pool's close, geometric lines place enormous emphasis on this multi-tiered glass tile feature wall that visually anchors the landscape design of the pool.

For Terry Design, the landscape architectural design studio in charge of the project's overall program, the water feature was just one of the challenges presented by the tight, rectangular-shaped backyard environment. Given the pool's dimensions, owner Alison Terry knew right away it was critical to pay close attention to the issue of depth and space. This also made the selection of the glass tile surface especially difficult for the modern, tropical design theme, and magnified the importance of having Reed onboard for the installation.

After a determined search, Terry Design came across the perfect surface material for the Laguna Hills pool — the Glasshues collection from Vancouver, B.C.-based Interstyle Ceramic & Glass. The Glasshues series has a clear

surface and clear body, with its color applied and visible only through the backside. This rare product design helped create a unique sense of depth the feature wall, and project, needed.

For the young family with a super-active pre-teen daughter (note the full pool slide), Terry Design selected a three-color, custom-blend of sleek, stylish glass mosaics.

"The tile definitely had a specific look to it that created a pleasant depth for the pool area and the project as a whole," Reed says. "Finding a way to create the effect of space and depth is not common by any means. The final result was an artistic, crisp and modern-feeling pool and spa feature that's not overpowering. It's what the client had been looking for all along." ~