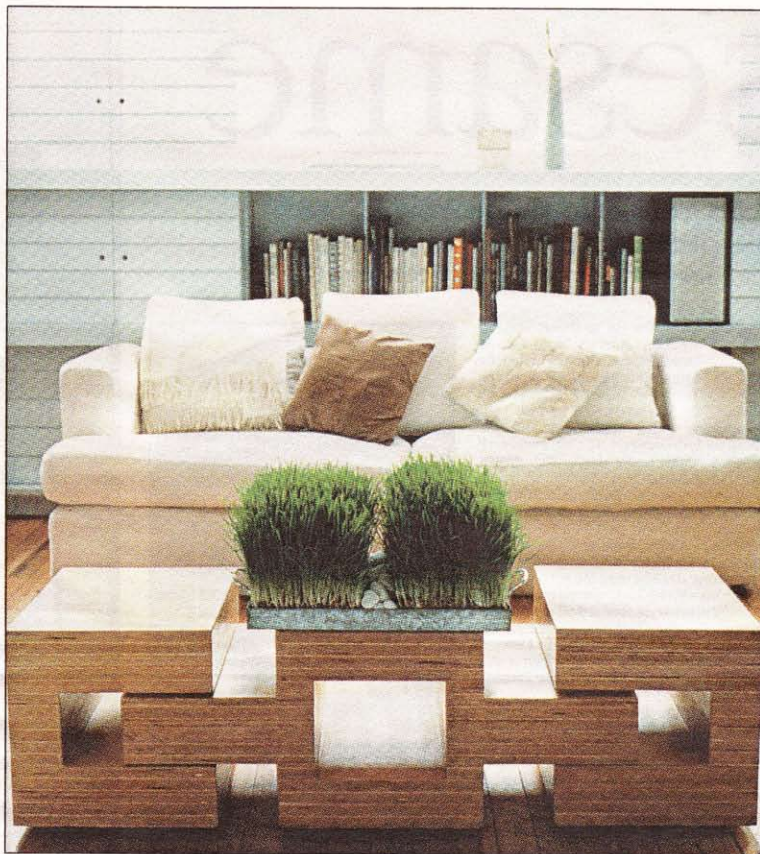


house plants



Sprouted wheatgrass makes an unexpectedly sophisticated display that is ideal for the clean lines of this contemporary interior

Pictures by Caroline Arber from the book *Indoor Gardening* by Diana Yakeley

make fantastic green-and-grey ornamental detail in pale terracotta cylindrical or rectangular pots, especially when repeated, all in a row; ruby-edged Kalanchoe and pink-toned grey Echeveria are excellent for the purpose.

Diana also plants small rosettes of sedums in a shallow, metal tray, and dresses them with a mulch of broken shells. She suggests an entire dry garden of star-shaped agaves in the deepest of terrazzo-type window box, topped with small pieces of stone or polystyrene

chips. To keep the plants happy? Neglect them, watering sparingly.

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Below: Diana believes the art of indoor gardening lies in combining plant, container and interior in such a way as to complement each other and enhance the colour scheme. Here a collection of china is offset by the mass of lavender in ceramic bowls

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