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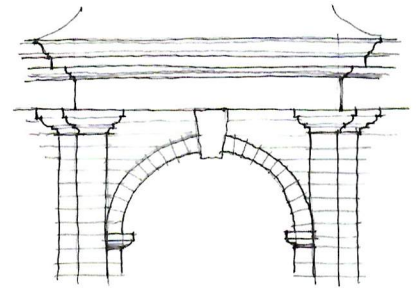
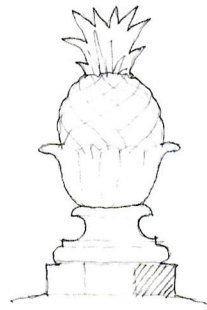
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THIS LITTLE GARDEN PAVILION IS

one of several structures I created for a property in Greenwich. The main house was a 1942 Georgian, which we renovated with a wing added on one side to restore the home's symmetry; there are also a pool house, greenhouse, and doghouse as part of the ensemble.

During a visit to Monticello, Thomas Jefferson's home in Virginia, my client had seen a little square brick pavilion housing a telescope, and that served as the inspiration for this octagonal one. Since he was in the satellite business, we decided to design the pavilion's floor as if it were a reflection of the night sky in a pool of water. So I took a fifteenth-century woodcut of the constellations, overlaid it onto a map of the sky in different seasons as it appears from our area, and had it etched into the polished black granite floor with the stars picked out in gold leaf.

The gazebo's exterior is in keeping with the style of the main house: red brick and white trim, rounded arches and pilasters with bases and capitals of molded brick, and a welcoming New England pineapple finial we had fabricated to crown a bell roof sheathed in fish-scale lead tiles. A fun note: since the lead sheets used for the tiles were an eighth of an inch thick, the roof ended up weighing about 10,000 pounds—so we had to add steel inside the brick columns to support it.



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