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**E**asy, breezy summer—it's my favorite time of the year. After the flowers and leaf buds emerge, everything becomes fresh and green and colorful. The days are longer and there's a yearning to be outdoors enjoying nature. In this issue we've included two playhouses and an all-weather gazebo; these original new outdoor buildings are a fun way to extend your family's living space. There's also a pullout resource section that's a comprehensive source guide for outdoor products—from fences to furniture to grills, and much more. So, enjoy the season, and don't forget to take time to "smell the roses."

*Pamela M. Abrahams*



## FAIRYTALE TOWER

In the coinciding worlds of “the club” and make-believe, children are universally strict about the particulars: They establish membership in the club through code and they require a vantage point from which to make sure the coast is clear. At two stories—14 feet tall—the tower designed by architect Bruce D. Nagel, A.I.A., is a postmodern alternative to a treehouse (or a turret). With its open, balustraded upstairs porch of a perch and its monumental enclosed stairway, the tower is specifi-

cally conceived for older kids (play there would require adult supervision of small children). The downstairs room, tucked behind the deep-set front entry, appeals to comrades who want to hide out when sharing plans. A Dutch door opens to acknowledge a password. If yard space is restricted, the stair can be replaced with a ladder affixed firmly to the back of the tower, or with a rope ladder that could be pulled up for secret meetings. Any ladder, like the porch, of course, would be off limits to tots.

