



Feeling blue: The dramatic blue 'Maharaja' tent from Raj Tents.

THE TENT IS THE DECOR

While clear tops and walls make tents seem to disappear, some tents are designed to be eye-catchers all on their own.

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Worth the work: Even though the Starr team had to haul the tenting up manually, the installation gave guests a breathtaking view of the property and the bay nearby.

home in Beverly Hills in September, Los Angeles-based Raj Tents enveloped guests in a majestic blue tent ensconced on the lawn. "Blue isn't used enough in my opinion," says Raj co-founder and CEO Dominic Mitchell, who praises the "coolness of the space" his tent creates.

The 1,200-square-foot "Maharaja" structure installs within six hours, which includes suspending lanterns and adding pin-spots. The tent can be walled "but usually is open for summer entertaining as it is ultra-romantic and frames views so well," Mitchell adds.

And after lunch, HBO's Emmy Awards after-party this year featured a colored tent on a grand scale. ▶