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Design Ideas

Bravo, readers! You're a talented lot! We were overwhelmed with submissions for our third annual Outdoor Room Design Ideas special section – so much so that it was nearly impossible to narrow the list to the 30 projects featured on the following pages. These spaces represent some of the best of the best. They are visually stunning, imaginatively designed, fully appointed, pull-out-all-the-stops outdoor living spaces that rival the most lavish resorts.

Thanks to the addition of a little heat and, increasingly, a covered roof, the Outdoor Room has moved far beyond its Southern California roots and, is now a fixture in backyards all across the U.S. and Canada. The creative geniuses behind these spaces include specialty retailers, builders, designers, architects, landscape architects, and other professionals who have carved out expertise in the Outdoor Room.

Actually, the term "Outdoor Room" is probably a misnomer. Just as in the interior of a home, most of the projects represented here have multiple Outdoor Rooms defined for cooking, dining, relaxing and playing. Whether large or small, rustic or modern, luxurious, whimsical, or even downright wacky, these spaces reflect many of the key trends in outdoor living today: seamless indoor-outdoor

transitions; outdoor kitchens with both gas and charcoal grills and, increasingly, pizza ovens; incorporation of fire pits or fireplaces – many of them with a modern, linear design; coverage of at least part of the outdoor living area by a solid roof; and greater use of sustainable materials, water features, and outdoor televisions – way more outdoor televisions!

This 32-page section is available as a free PDF exclusively to *Hearth & Home* subscribers (available for download at www.hearthandhome.com). We hope you find it useful as an idea book, or reprint it as a giveaway to inform and inspire customers looking to create their ideal outdoor space. While most of these projects are high-end with substantial price tags, they all contain elements and ideas that can be tweaked for smaller-scale projects with tighter budgets because, one thing is certain: Everyone wants an inviting outdoor space for living and entertaining.

*We always welcome you to submit photos and descriptions of your Outdoor Room projects for publication in future issues of *Hearth & Home*. Please visit www.hearthandhome.com and click on the Outdoor Room tab to fill out the project information form and upload photos.*



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To meet his client's request for an after-work escape, builder David Munsey completely renovated this exterior property, first installing a retaining wall to extend the pool deck, before constructing a 550-sq.-ft., covered, pool-house pavilion. The pavilion's centerpiece is an imposing wood-burning fireplace with natural-gas-assisted lighting and a television mounted above the mantle for viewing from the cozy fireside seating area.



To one side of the fireplace is a galley-style outdoor kitchen with grill, refrigerator, sink, storage and bar-height seating; to the other side is a spacious dining area. The pavilion's dark-stained, exposed cedar beams create a striking contrast against the light-painted, tongue-and-groove pine ceiling. The same native Ozark stone is used to unify the fireplace, kitchen island, and the oversized column bases which function as both an interesting design element and a handy spot for guests to rest drinks.

When the homeowners really want to escape, they can head to a nature trail created by Munsey on the three-acre property. Along the trail is a custom-built pergola with a swing that overlooks their cattle pasture. Final touches on the outdoor living space include 17 flower-filled pots around the pool deck, and 125 smart-controlled, low-voltage landscape lights.

Builder: David Munsey

Company: Better Lawns and Gardens, Little Rock, AR

Website: www.betterlawnsar.com

Project Size: 3 acres

Materials: Ceiling – tongue-and-groove pine; Floor – Pavestone pavers; Fireplace – natural Ozark native stone; Island Base – concrete block with natural stone veneer; Countertops – granite; Pergola – custom wood structure

Brands: Grill, Storage Drawers and Access Doors – Twin Eagles; Beverage Center – True Refrigeration; Fireplace – Isokern 46-in.; Walls – Anchor wall; Outdoor Furniture – Summer Classics, Elegant Earth, Mallin Casual Furniture, Elaine Smith Pillows; Planters/Pots – Jackson Pottery; Pavers – Pavestone Venetian and Pavestone Plaza Stone; Retaining Wall – Anchor

Budget: Not available

Absolutely Fabulous



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Designer: Michael Gotowala

Company: The Outdoor Kitchen Design Store, Cheshire, CT

Website: www.outdoorkitchendesigner.com

Project Size: 4,000 sq. ft.

Materials: Ceiling – Mahogany; Floor – Blu Marble, heated; Fireplace – cut stone texturized with square, rectangle and stacked stones, double-thick Azul Granite hearth; Island Base – modular cabinetry; Countertops and Backsplash – Azul granite, hand-cut Turkish marble; Pool Coping – Turkish marble bullnose

Brands: Grills – DCS by Fisher & Paykel, EVO; Pizza Oven – Wood Stone Ovens; Power Burner and Warming Drawer – Alfresco; Beverage Center – Glastender; Refrigerators, Beverage Coolers, and Wine Chillers – True; Outdoor Cabinetry – Brown Jordan Outdoor Kitchens; Spa – Sundance Marin Spa; Lighting – Juno Outdoor Lighting, Preferred Properties; Fire Walls – HPC; Heaters – Bromic Tungsten Heaters

Budget: \$500,000+

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ccording to designer Michael Gotowala, there's outdoor living, and there's living outdoors fabulously.



This amazing outdoor entertainment area definitely exemplifies the latter. Off the home's main interior living area is a large mahogany deck with both a beverage station and outdoor cooking island with bar seating.

This upper-level deck doubles as the roof of the lower-level outdoor Great Room, home to another fully featured outdoor kitchen with grill, power burner, warming drawer, pizza oven, sink and storage cabinetry, as well as an outdoor television and comfy furniture. A third outdoor kitchen with an EVO flattop grill stands ready to serve guests by the huge stone fireplace near the pool.

A cool beverage is always handy thanks to six outdoor refrigerators and multiple wine refrigerators and beverage stations within the expansive entertaining area. Other amenities include heated marble flooring, radiant overhead heating, a swim-through spa, outdoor shower, and remote-controlled fire walls for nighttime ambiance.

The multi-dimensional space works equally well for day-to-day family living as it does for intimate gatherings and grand-scale entertaining, day or night, any season of the year. That's pretty fabulous.