



The **OUTDOOR** **ROOM**[®] *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.*

Wow Factor



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Designer: Ryan Hughes

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Project Size: 5,000 sq. ft.

Materials: Ceiling – Ipe hardwood; Walls – white Quartz stone; Floor – Travertine tiles; Fireplace/Fire Pit – custom, glass tiles; Island Base – white Quartz stone; Countertop – granite; Gazebo – cypress with custom-molded concrete supports

Brands: Grill – Fire Magic; Fire Pit – Grand Effects; Outdoor Furniture – Skyline Design; Pool Lighting – Savi Melody; Draperies – Custom made by Ryan Hughes Design with Maxwell Fabrics; Spa Tile – Lightstreams Glass Tile in steel blue; Pool – custom by Ryan Hughes Design

Budget: Not Available

It started with a request for a floating, circular, fireside lounge. But designer Ryan Hughes took his client's idea and ran with it, creating an imaginative, contemporary outdoor space best described in one word: Wow! The epicenter of the 5,000 sq. ft. project is a pool with the aforementioned circular fire patio. Surrounding the pool is a series of other equally striking and spectacular Outdoor Rooms.



In one, a dramatic outdoor entertainment lounge features a stone veneer and glass-tiled, audio-visual wall covered with four 50-in. televisions. This room flows to an adjacent hearth area with a large, linear gas fireplace and contemporary furniture that doubles as artwork.

A dining and bar area with modern seating and sleek, stainless-steel outdoor kitchen, is warmed with textural elements and natural Ipe hardwoods. Several additional lounging and deck areas are built around a spa, custom fire sculptures, water features, or other unique architectural elements. While the entire space is visually stimulating and complex, the use of a soothing, neutral color palette throughout creates a calming cohesiveness that unifies this extraordinary entertainment center.