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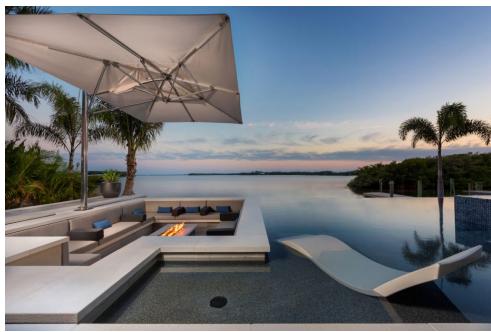
Year Built: 2019

Location: St. Petersburg, FL Home Style: Contemporary

Square Footage: 4,000 sq. ft. of outdoor living area

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The view from this luxury outdoor retreat. Photo credit: Jimi Smith Photography

### Tell us about this project.

With a majestic view of the skyway connecting the island it calls home to the city of St. Petersburg, this outdoor retreat offers sophisticated simplicity by day and modern drama by night. Entitled "Skyway," the award-winning exterior design project packs generous amenities and experiences into an economy of waterfront space.



The cozy and secluded dining patio. Photo credit: Jimi Smith Photography

## What were your design inspirations for the outdoor space?

We wanted to create an outdoor retreat accomplished in a limited amount of space but offering extensive elegance and wow.



The sunken fire pit with a waterfront view. Photo credit: Jimi Smith Photography

## What makes this outdoor space special compared to other projects you've worked on?

The ability to offer multiple outdoor living experiences within a limited amount of space made this project very special. There's a contemporary spa and pool, a sunken fire lounge, a waterfront dining patio, a swim-up bar, and an infinity pool — and each feature was accomplished with superior craftsmanship.



The secluded and inviting sunken fire pit. Photo credit: Jimi Smith Photography

# What advice do you have for homeowners inspired by this outdoor space you've created?

There is no limit to creativity that can be incorporated into an outdoor living space!

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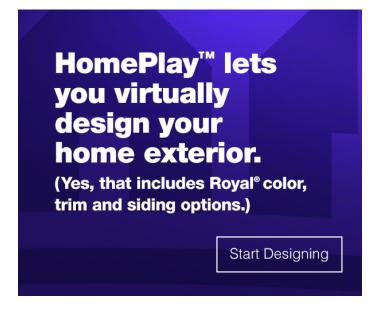
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