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Outdoor Kitchen Design Guide



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Outdoor kitchens have become one of the most requested upgrades in Colorado outdoor living — and for good reason. They transform backyards into fully functional, beautiful gathering spaces where cooking, dining, and entertaining happen seamlessly.

Whether you're hosting a summer BBQ, a crisp autumn dinner party, or a casual weeknight meal, a custom outdoor kitchen adds everyday value and year-round enjoyment to your home.

2026 Outdoor Kitchen Trends

Outdoor Kitchens with Full-Service Bars

Incorporating bar seating and built-in beverage centers turns your kitchen into a destination for guests.

Pizza Ovens, Smokers & Griddles

Beyond traditional grills — adding specialty cooking appliances brings versatility and restaurant-quality options home.

Natural Stone & Steel-Framed Structures

Durable, weather-resistant materials like stone, concrete, and steel offer longevity and luxury aesthetics.

Smart, Climate-Controlled Comfort

Heaters, fans, motorized screens, and lighting automation allow you to enjoy your space every day of the year.



Must-Have Features & Appliances

- ✓ High-Performance Built-In Grill
- ✓ Griddles For All Your Favorite Sides
- ✓ Refrigerator & Ice Maker
- ✓ Sink With Hot/Cold Water
- ✓ Outdoor-Rated Cabinetry And Storage
- ✓ Beverage Center Or Kegerator
- ✓ Pizza Oven Or Smoker
- ✓ Counter And Bar Seating
- ✓ Durable, Easy-Clean Prep Surfaces

Pro Tip: Invest in high-quality, outdoor-rated appliances — they're built to last in changing weather and frequent use.



Layout & Space Planning Tips



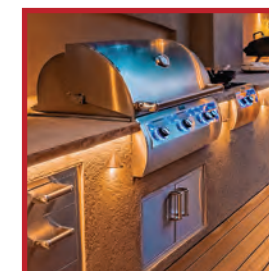
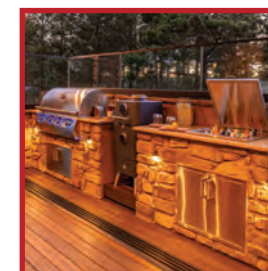
- ✓ Create Defined Zones: Separate cooking, prep, dining, and lounging areas for safety and flow.
- ✓ Allow Ample Counter Space: Leave at least 12–18" of clear counter space on either side of cooking appliances.
- ✓ Integrate Bar Seating: It encourages guests to gather without crowding the chef.
- ✓ Position for Views: Face your cooking station toward your view or entertaining areas.

Material & Finish Recommendations

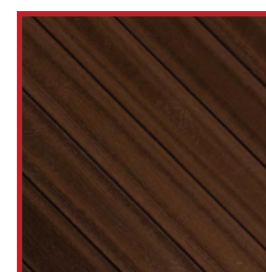
Framing: If your project includes a new deck or deck extension, choose galvanized steel for unmatched durability (what Masterpiece specializes in)



Surfaces: Natural stone, granite, or concrete countertops



Flooring: Composite decking, Stamped concrete, porcelain pavers, or natural stone for easy maintenance



Year-Round Comfort Solutions

To get the most from your investment, plan for comfort in every season.

- ✓ Retractable, wind-blocking glass walls
- ✓ Motorized retractable screens
- ✓ Built-in patio heaters and ceiling fans
- ✓ Ambient and task lighting
- ✓ Covered structures to shield from sun, rain, and snow



Expert Tips for a Seamless Project

- 1 Work with an experienced outdoor living specialist — not a general contractor
- 2 Prioritize how you'll use the space before finalizing a design
- 3 Use commercial-grade, weather-resistant materials and appliances
- 4 Plan for utility connections (gas, water, electric) early in the process
- 5 Set aside a portion of your budget for lighting, heating, and furnishings

ABOUT US

About Masterpiece Outdoor Living

At Masterpiece Outdoor Living, we design and build custom, steel-framed outdoor kitchens and four-season living spaces that blend luxury with durability. Every project is custom-tailored to your home, your lifestyle, and the way you love to entertain.



Schedule Your Complimentary Design Consultation

Ready to start designing your outdoor kitchen? Let's turn your backyard into a destination you'll love year-round.

Request your complimentary design consultation today.

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