

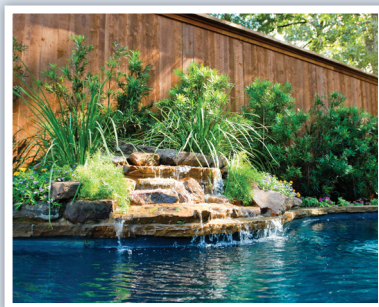
Remodeling Talk...

Create an Outdoor Living Oasis in Your Back Yard

When life's pressures mount, but your income doesn't, you need a release. We agree with the wisdom that experiences provide more happiness than things. But what if you could get both, and as a bonus, have your own paradise escape a few steps away?

The "staycation" is growing in popularity as people bring resort amenities into their own backyards. With warm weather through most of the year in Dallas, many of our neighbors are investing in outdoor living. They're building backyard paradises with fireplaces, fire pits, pergolas, outdoor kitchens, outdoor entertainment, and more.

Patio areas are becoming outdoor living rooms, with many stone and wood choices available to customize the look and feel you want. Pergolas and trellises are options to house your outdoor living area. V-groove or bead board ceilings in many varieties of wood create warmth. Flagstone and granite blend perfectly with your gardens and landscapes, creating a tranquil setting that no paint scheme could equal.



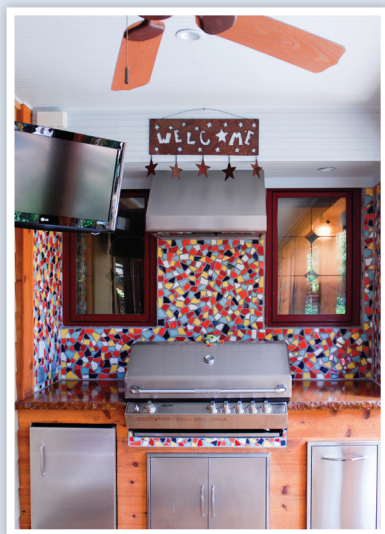
You can even enjoy your indoor entertainment options outdoors, using radio frequency remotes and feeding connections from inside. Listen to the tunes on your Ipod, surf the channels on your satellite system, and control it all from anywhere in your yard.

Fireplaces and fire pits are an ideal focal point for your outdoor entertaining area. The ambience of a fire can help to recreate your idea of a vacation paradise – whether it's drinking wine in Napa or roasting s'mores at Big Bend. Fire warms the soul and stirs conversation.

All the components that you would expect to find in the most elaborate indoor kitchens are now available for your outdoor kitchen: Sinks, built-in ice chests, refrigerators, as well as infinite counter and cabinetry options. You can create a chef's kitchen in your yard worthy of a visit from Bobby Flay.

To make your backyard oasis useable year-round, there are several types of outdoor heating and cooling systems. Energy efficient mini-split systems heat and cool, free standing gas and propane systems are economical ways to keep warm in winter, and fan and misting systems keep you comfortable in the summer months.

The next time you're under pressure, take a mental "staycation" and imagine your outdoor spaces transforming into an oasis. Almost anything you imagine is possible. When you're ready, Bella Vista can help.



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