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# LIVING OUTDOORS FABULOUSLY

Outdoor living designers offer clients much more than just grilling. (Photo courtesy of Outdoor Kitchen Design Store by Preferred Properties.)

## HOMEOWNERS CONTINUE TO DEMAND MORE

from their backyard than a mere space for a barbecue grill. Rather, landscape designers, contractors and outdoor room specialists have been conceptualizing and installing luxury outdoor kitchen and living areas from coast to coast.

According to a survey released by the American Society of Landscape Architects, kitchen spaces ranked as the second most popular outdoor design trend among industry professionals in 2014. It's anticipated that 2015 will prove to harbor increased demand for outdoor kitchens as well.

With more than 30 years

in the industry, Michael Gotowala, founder of the Outdoor Kitchen Design Store by Preferred Properties, a dealer of Brown Jordan Outdoor Kitchens, designs exceptional outdoor areas and kitchens to meet the needs of his clients. For this particular installation, he created a multi-level space to accommodate large gatherings while simultaneously an area for cozy family get-togethers intimate enough for the kids to cook pizza outside in the great room while watching television.

"This design installation is a prime example of how consumers are looking to live beyond the walls of interior spaces," Gotowala said. "I envisioned



The merging of the outdoor kitchen and outdoor living space creates a dramatic yet intimate setting. (Photo courtesy of Outdoor Kitchen Design Store by Preferred Properties.)

their outdoor space as having the same luxuries as their interiors, including vignettes designed for entertaining."

Nestled in Avon, Conn., this stunning backyard oasis consists of two levels and highlights multiple cooking and

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grilling stations. The upper level features Brown Jordan Outdoor Kitchens' cabinetry, along with a stone grill island and sprawling granite countertops providing ample space for caterers to prepare lavish spreads. The cabinets, made from all stainless steel, feature a bead board door style, powder coated with Brown Jordan's exclusive Java II color, and completed with hardware handcrafted from solid bronze. Also included is a refrigerator that can house beverages and wines.

On the lower level is a wood-burning pizza oven station that also features Brown Jordan Outdoor Kitchens' cabinetry and a custom hibachi griddle area. Much like the full-fledged kitchen on the second story, these grilling areas are set in stone, completing a cohesive outdoor living area made for festivities.


"By dividing the cooking and grilling stations as well as the living areas, our team essentially replicated an indoor floor plan for the outdoors," Gotowala said. "Our team superseded the client's desires well beyond the anticipated exterior living spaces to coincide with their luxurious lifestyle."

For more information about the Outdoor Kitchen Design



The secret to success in designing outdoor living fabulously is to appeal to the lifestyle of all family members indoors and portray that comfort level outdoors. (Photo courtesy of Outdoor Kitchen Design Store by Preferred Properties.)

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### PROJECT DETAILS

- Outdoor kitchen designer and builder: Michael Gotowala, founder of the Outdoor Kitchen Design Store by Preferred Properties
- Cabinetry: Brown Jordan Outdoor Kitchens
- Countertops: Blue Granite
- Sink(s): Artisan
- Hibachi: Evo Ceramic
- Refrigerator: True Professional beverage, dual wine
- Pizza Oven: Woodstone Bistro 3030
- Grill: DCS by Fisher & Paykel
- Warming Drawer: Alfresco Home



The outdoor room becomes a "great" outdoor room when equipped for all four seasons, both day and night. (Photo courtesy of Outdoor Kitchen Design Store by Preferred Properties.)



Brown Jordan Outdoor Kitchens' stainless steel cabinetry enhances the beauty and functionality of this architecturally styled outdoor kitchen. (Photo courtesy of Outdoor Kitchen Design Store by Preferred Properties.)