

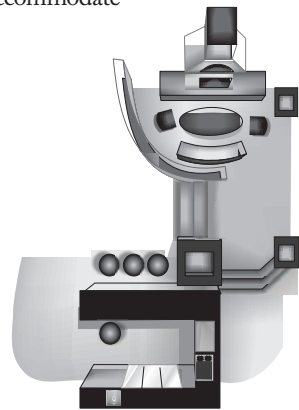


## Open-Air Oasis

THIS CHESHIRE, CONNECTICUT, family's home sat on a lovely lot, but their landscape was lacking fun and functionality. Frequent entertainers and lovers of the outdoors, they hired designer Michael Gotowala, president of Preferred Properties Landscaping & Masonry, to transform their backyard terrain into an open-air oasis.

On the list for the layout: a kitchen, pool house, pool, sundeck, fireplace with pizza oven, and plenty of seating. To blur the lines between house and addition, Gotowala built the structure out of matching stucco and stone. To add architectural interest, he designed the add-on with an arched roof. By extending the roofline outward and incorporating repeating arched entry points, he exceeded expectations while also framing great vistas into the backyard. Also adding visual interest, great detail was given to the night-lighting design by lighting expert Gotowala.

With the cookery covered yet open, it can accommodate large gatherings in any weather. And with an infrared Solaire grill, warming drawer, power burner, two Summit refrigerators, stainless steel cabinetry, a farmer's sink and faucet, and nearby pizza oven, the owners can do so much more than just flip burgers. No longer just a mirage, this outdoor oasis is everything the homeowners desired and more. *Learn more about this designer at [www.outdoorlivingct.com](http://www.outdoorlivingct.com) or [www.outdoorkitchendesigner.com](http://www.outdoorkitchendesigner.com).* «



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### SPECIAL FEATURES

Arched stucco rooftop,  
fully equipped kitchen,  
fireplace with pizza oven

### FEATURED PRODUCTS

Cabinetry: Danver  
stainless steel  
Pavers: Uni-Lock Brussels  
Countertops: Polished  
yellow granite  
Grill: Solaire Infrared  
Grills  
Power Burner: Alfresco  
Grills  
Warming Drawer:  
Alfresco Grills  
Oven: Alfresco Grills  
Refrigerators: Summit  
Pizza Oven: Tuscan style  
Lighting: Preferred  
Properties  
Wallcovering: Stucco  
Backsplash: Stucco

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