



The **OUTDOOR** **ROOM**[®] *Design Ideas*

Bravo, readers! You're a talented lot! We were overwhelmed with submissions for our third annual Outdoor Room Design Ideas special section – so much so that it was nearly impossible to narrow the list to the 30 projects featured on the following pages. These spaces represent some of the best of the best. They are visually stunning, imaginatively designed, fully appointed, pull-out-all-the-stops outdoor living spaces that rival the most lavish resorts.

Thanks to the addition of a little heat and, increasingly, a covered roof, the Outdoor Room has moved far beyond its Southern California roots and, is now a fixture in backyards all across the U.S. and Canada. The creative geniuses behind these spaces include specialty retailers, builders, designers, architects, landscape architects, and other professionals who have carved out expertise in the Outdoor Room.

Actually, the term "Outdoor Room" is probably a misnomer. Just as in the interior of a home, most of the projects represented here have multiple Outdoor Rooms defined for cooking, dining, relaxing and playing. Whether large or small, rustic or modern, luxurious, whimsical, or even downright wacky, these spaces reflect many of the key trends in outdoor living today: seamless indoor-outdoor

transitions; outdoor kitchens with both gas and charcoal grills and, increasingly, pizza ovens; incorporation of fire pits or fireplaces – many of them with a modern, linear design; coverage of at least part of the outdoor living area by a solid roof; and greater use of sustainable materials, water features, and outdoor televisions – way more outdoor televisions!

This 32-page section is available as a free PDF exclusively to *Hearth & Home* subscribers (available for download at www.hearthandhome.com). We hope you find it useful as an idea book, or reprint it as a giveaway to inform and inspire customers looking to create their ideal outdoor space. While most of these projects are high-end with substantial price tags, they all contain elements and ideas that can be tweaked for smaller-scale projects with tighter budgets because, one thing is certain: Everyone wants an inviting outdoor space for living and entertaining.

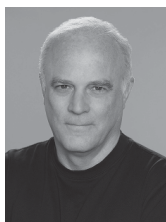
*We always welcome you to submit photos and descriptions of your Outdoor Room projects for publication in future issues of *Hearth & Home*. Please visit www.hearthandhome.com and click on the Outdoor Room tab to fill out the project information form and upload photos.*

Playground for Grownups



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From the balconies of the Hotel Zephyr at San Francisco's Fisherman's Wharf, guests get a bird's-eye view of the adult playscape in the courtyard below. The fantastical space, inspired by iconic childhood board games, pays homage to the industrial history of the wharf through furnishings and finishes that appear as though they endured decades of decline and decay.



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There is an outdoor living room of eroded concrete and repurposed shipping-container panels, a fountain made of “leaky” broken pipes, and cocktail tables made from weathered, old, cable-wire spools.

Playful elements capture the imagination, including a “Tuble Tennis” game (table tennis in a five-foot steel tube); full-scale Connect Four and Jenga games; shuffleboard; an oversized marble maze; and colored paving that winds around the space in a game-board pattern, a la Candy Land and Shoots-and-Ladders.

A “pyrotechnic sculpture” – a fire pit made from flaming computer monitors and discarded electronics – adds to the fantasy. In a nod to the old salts of the wharf, portholes, harpoons, rugged coastal plants, and gabion walls filled with recycled aluminum cans, abalone shells and cobblestones, add to the madcap wonderland.



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