

# Fun in the Sun

## DESIGNER

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## SPECIAL FEATURES

Nice mix of natural stone and man-made products, 11-foot-tall fireplace, landscaping for shade

## DIMENSIONS

24' x 24'

## PRODUCTS USED

Flooring: Belgard Dublin Cobble pavers  
Countertops: Granite for grill area, Tennessee Fieldstone for hearth and mantel  
Grill: Barbeques Galore  
Fireplace: Belgard Celtik Wall hearth, Natural Stone Solutions Shawnee Mountain fieldstone

## PHOTOGRAPHERS

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WHEN THIS FAMILY of four remodeled their home with an addition, the backyard deck was a casualty of the construction process. But in the end, they gained more than they lost when they decided to put the newly free outside space to good use with an al fresco kitchen.

With a love of the outdoors and a habit of hosting friends and family for home-cooked meals, a place to make meals and entertain guests in the open air would be put to good use. Taking on this project was Daniel Griffin of Island Creek Landscape, Inc., whose biggest challenge was designing for fun in sun despite the area's southwest exposure, which really brought the heat during the summers.

Much of Griffin's solution had to do with placement. He located the grill close to the house entrance to make trips in and out convenient, but he positioned it so the grill master would not have to look directly into

the sun. Also, the fireplace, which is more than 11 feet tall, was placed to provide shade for the patio and kitchen area in the afternoons. Large crape myrtles also help shade the area. To avoid totally isolating the area, he used a mix of canopy trees and lower flowering shrubs, which left a line of site and accessibility to the rest of the yard.

Once properly shaded, Griffin outfitted the outdoor kitchen area with a mixture of man-made materials and natural stone for a unique look. Natural stone and granite surround the grill, and a natural stone fireplace with a Belgard Celtik Wall hearth ties the fireplace to the landing steps that come out of the house. The final result: a place for fun under the sun for friends and family!

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