



Remodeling Trends to Spruce Up Your Outdoor Space

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There has been a notable surge in demand for outdoor living spaces as a clear result of the pandemic. So much so that connection to the outdoors was predicted to be the largest driver of home design choices over the next few years followed by value and cost considerations (*New Home Trends Institute*).

As connection to the outdoors is seen as more essential than ever to our overall health and well-being, outdoor living has risen to the top of many homeowners' wish lists. The post-pandemic world has everyone craving connection to nature as a counterbalance to our ultra-connected, technology driven world.

More than ever, people have been craving an escape from the monotony of daily life, especially WFH, with constant screen time and Zoom calls. An outdoor oasis in the comfort and convenience of one's backyard has been deemed the perfect antidote. Decks and patios are being viewed as an extension of the home, equipped with functional features and protection from the elements so the space can be utilized year-round.

While large, green backyard spaces once satisfied homeowners, they are now seeking more flexibility in how they utilize their outdoor spaces. Homeowners are requesting expansive outdoor living spaces complete with functional kitchens, covered lounge areas with fireplaces/fire pits and sufficient weather protection, and an overall luxurious, resort-kind-of-vibe from the comfort and convenience of their own backyards.

Keep reading for a few popular outdoor living trends to help you make the most of your space:

1. Indoor-outdoor living

A major trend right now is replacing living room windows with floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors to create an indoor-outdoor living space. This renovation is a great way to seamlessly bridge the gap between the home and the natural world outside. These full-length windows allow for more natural light and double as sliding doors, making it easier to host outdoor gatherings and let in fresh air on a nice day.



2. Outdoor patio extensions

Patio extensions are a popular renovation as they create more functional space to introduce new features such as an outdoor kitchen, a seating area with a fireplace/firepit, and a pergola or gazebo for coverage. This renovation helps homeowners make the most of their outdoor space and may even boost home value.



3. Covered pool cabanas

This is a great solution for homeowners interested in creating an outdoor oasis with a luxurious, resort-style feel and is the perfect complement to an existing swimming pool.



4. Casita or pool house additions

Who couldn't use a little extra space?! Casitas are a popular home addition that can serve many different purposes, including but not limited to a remote workspace, home gym, pool bath, mother-in-law suite or guest house.

Multifunctional/flex spaces are another pandemic trend still going strong into 2022 as homeowners continue to seek solutions for multiple/changing needs with a limited amount of space.



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