



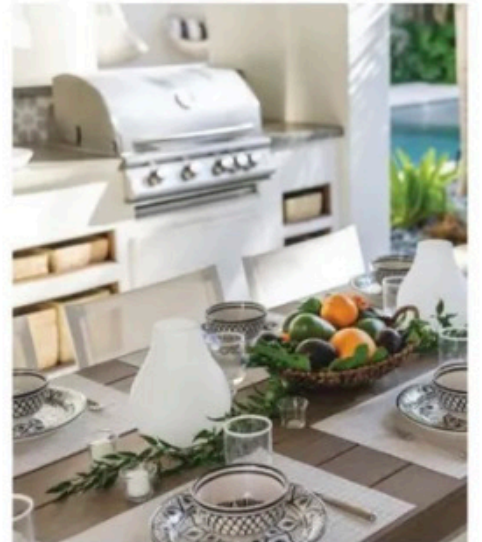
OUTDOOR KITCHEN

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CULINARY MASTERPIECE

The designers of this outdoor kitchen took a cue from their clients' recent trip to Greece and incorporated cool stucco walls and cement countertops throughout the space. Features include an integrated sink, a built-in stainless grill, and a countertop trough that holds ice for drinks or cheeses. The custom-designed wood-fired pizza oven, which required a structural engineer to ensure that its base wouldn't buckle under the weight of the 1,200-pound dome, is housed in its own area, complete with planters of fresh herbs. With sustainability in mind, the designers used leftover materials from other areas of the house, including Ipe from the pool deck for cabinet doors and tile from a bathroom for the backsplash. The result is an outdoor kitchen that is environmentally friendly yet outfitted for the most discerning chef.

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RESIDENTIAL SWIMMING POOL | SPA

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SUSTAINABLE COASTAL GETAWAY

This project in Anna Maria, Florida, features a large saltwater pool and spa as well as multilevel decking. The city imposes strict guidelines regarding construction and sustainability and mandates specific ratios of permeable to nonpermeable materials. In this case, the various levels of the decking allowed the designers to combine permeable shell pavers with nonpermeable Ipe to create separation and add interest. The pool offers views of the house in every direction, and the soft waterfall adds a Zen-like element to this modern coastal getaway.

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