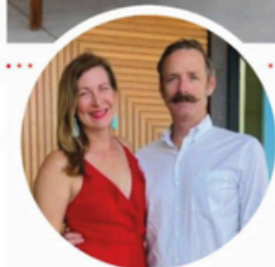




So you want an
**Outdoor
Kitchen?**

We got homeowners to tell us
exactly what one costs!

If you've considered an outdoor kitchen, we're here to talk you into it: You can find a design to fit almost any budget these days (custom spaces range from \$5,000 to \$100,000 or more), and realtors say the return on your investment will be between 50 and 200 percent! You won't be alone either: According to the latest outdoor trends study from Houzz, one in eight homeowners will add or upgrade an outdoor kitchen as part of their next outdoor renovation. Turn the page to find everything you need to know to get cooking outside.



Jessica Yingling and Chris Mahoney went midcentury modern for their backyard oasis in San Diego.

What did it cost?

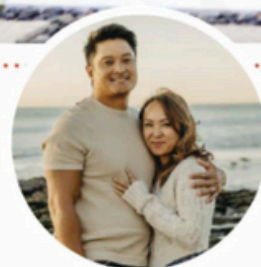
Base (custom smooth stucco finish with Brazilian walnut doors)	\$10,000
Counters (poured concrete)	\$5,000
Grill (42-inch Alfresco, with accessories)	\$9,000
Custom terrazzo backsplash	\$7,000
Sink and faucet plus plumbing	\$1,500
Electrical work and lighting	\$6,000
Ooni pizza oven	\$700
Patio floor (sand-finished concrete)	\$5,000
Total	\$44,200

“Outdoor kitchens should complement the style of the whole house and blend with your overall aesthetic.”

—Jessica

A Closer Look

- Poured concrete counters gave the kitchen the clean, contemporary look the couple wanted. Concrete is durable and comes in a range of colors, which makes it a popular choice for outdoor kitchens.
- The pendant lights, by Pablo, were powder-coated in a custom black and hung with steel supports. They're like an art installation!
- The couple's biggest splurge: a custom **terrazzo backsplash**.



Oliver and Alexis Austria, from Encinitas, CA, worked with Brookside Landscape Design to build their Argentinean-style kitchen.

What did it cost?

Base (stucco)	\$5,000
Counters (polished concrete with firebrick inlays)	\$5,000
Grill (Blaze LTE 4-burner with infrared)	\$5,000
Custom asado grill	\$14,000
Beverage station and sink plus plumbing	\$4,000
Brazilian walnut backsplash	\$2,625
Patio floor (Calacatta porcelain tile)	\$16,000
Total	\$51,625

“Authenticity was key for us. This space is a true homage to the art of live-fire grilling.”

—Alexis

A Closer Look

- The star of this space: a traditional **Argentinean-style grill**. The design features Corten steel, which develops a patina over time, adding to the rugged industrial aesthetic.
- The couple chose a **stucco base**, which is a go-to option for dry, hot climates like those in California or Arizona. It's not a good choice for high-humidity locations; stone or stainless steel work better.
- The 5-foot-by-15-foot **backsplash** is made from Brazilian walnut and was designed to complement the Argentinean grill.

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Luke and Steph Gaskins live on the coast in Southern California. They opted for a natural, beachy look for their outdoor kitchen.

“We cook out here at least twice a week. Dinner creates much less mess when you do it outside and can just hose things down!”

—Steph

What did it cost?

Base (stucco)	\$4,000
Counters (polished concrete)	\$4,000
Grill (30-inch Bull with rotisserie)	\$2,000
Custom counter cutout and drop-in beverage cooler	\$1,000
Patio floor (concrete and gravel)	\$4,000
Umbrella	\$350
Lighting	\$398
Total	\$15,748

A Closer Look

► A built-in **umbrella holder** gives the family cover from the elements and is a cost-effective alternative to a fully enclosed patio cover.

► Instead of an expensive beverage refrigerator, they opted for a **cooler built into the counter**. They fill it with ice and drinks when they entertain, then put the lid down afterward and it drains automatically.

► A **pea gravel base** gave the space a beachy vibe. Bonus: It's budget-friendly and easy to maintain.