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How can you make an outdoor kitchen feel more luxurious? Designer tips on making this hardworking space extra opulent

Discover the strategies the experts use to give an outdoor kitchen luxury style



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To complement both your interiors and your outdoor landscaping beautifully, it pays to know how to make an outdoor kitchen look luxurious. Thoughtful

design can introduce the luxury touches that elevate this hard-working preparation, cooking and dining space.

Whatever the size of your yard, outdoor kitchens ensure you can spend more time out there. The best-equipped outdoor kitchen allows you to do everything you might when preparing meals inside your home, and creates a hub for socializing, too.

And if you want the space to look high-end as well as prove functional, these are the designer-recommended ways to achieve it.

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Stainless-steel outdoor kitchen cabinets are a durable choice, but you might want to give the material a twist with an unexpected outdoor kitchen color to elevate the finish and make the space more luxurious.

‘For higher-end outdoor kitchens, we've been specifying stainless steel cabinetry that has been powder-coated to a color,’ explains Joseph Richardson of Washington, DC-based Richardson & Associates Landscape Architecture. ‘This is a custom element that really takes a traditional outdoor kitchen to the level of an interior kitchen,’ he says.

4. Add a backsplash

(Image credit: Helen Bergin Interiors)

Repeat an element from the kitchen inside your home for a more expensive look outside – a beautiful backsplash.

‘An outdoor kitchen is a fantastic opportunity to incorporate eye-catching backsplashes, especially since the available space is often more compact,’ says Helen Bergin of Helen Bergin Interiors.

It’s also a great focal point. ‘A striking backsplash or a built-in bar gives your eye something to land on,’ says landscape designer Andrew D’Allienne at Lifescape Colorado.

5. Focus on the countertop

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You can boost the luxe of your alfresco cooking area with the outdoor kitchen countertop you select.

‘A soapstone or honed concrete countertop adds a timeless, sophisticated touch,’ says Sacha McCrae of Living Gardens Landscape Design. ‘Steer clear of tile countertops, as they can appear busy and are difficult to maintain due to grout lines. Aim for a clean, simple, and elegant design.’

Check your choice is suitable for the situation, too. ‘A big mistake I see a lot of people make is sourcing the wrong countertop material,’ says Summer