



Seaside Seclusion

NESTLED ALONG THE beautiful Connecticut shoreline, this cozy seaside home deserved an outdoor respite worthy of its surroundings, and thanks to the expertise of Michael Gotowala, founder of the Outdoor Kitchen Design Store by Preferred Properties, that's just what these homeowners got.

From the get-go, outdoor dining legend Gotowala worked to replicate the home's unique French-era elegance by creating a fabulous, two-level outdoor courtyard right along the water. On the upper level, a stone patio was installed alongside the existing indoor kitchen and living quarters, making for easy access and a stunning view from all angles. Overlooking the water, the patio now offers the homeowners an idyllic place to grill, entertain, or just enjoy a morning cup of coffee.

On the lower level, a raised dual-level fireplace is the focal point. Created using old-world French masonry techniques, it boasts masterful touches like hand-cut quarry granite, an arched stone wall surround, and a classic hanging gas lantern, with every aspect complementing the home's vintage details and stone-cottage look perfectly. Inspired, romantic, and stunning, outdoor living spaces like this are few and far between—at least in this part of the world! «

SPECIAL FEATURES

Waterside stone courtyard, hand-cut quarry granite, use of old-world French masonry techniques for the two-level stone fireplace to complement details of the home and French stone cottages

PRODUCTS USED

Flooring: Bluestone

Grill:

Fireplace: Two-level stone design using old-world French masonry techniques

Backsplash: Quarry granite

Lighting: Gas lantern

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