

OUTDOOR LIVING



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ask the expert

**HOW DO YOU DEFINE A SUCCESSFUL PROJECT?**

As the project progresses and family members begin to see what I have envisioned for them, they become excited and anxious to have such a detailed and personalized space.

**WHAT DO YOU REGARD AS THE GREATEST SUCCESS IN YOUR CAREER TO DATE?**

In 2011-2012, we designed and built an outdoor kitchen/backyard oasis that appeared on the DIY Network; in 2008 and 2010, I received national awards for residential outdoor lighting.

**WHAT IS INSPIRING YOU NOW?**

Our Outdoor Kitchen Design Store, opening in March, promises outdoor cabinetry, appliances, fire features—and much more. It will inspire people to live beyond the walls of their home.



This custom-designed space by Preferred Properties made an outdoor great room even greater for a family of four with elements including a Woodstone pizza oven and dark-wood cabinetry.

THE OUTDOOR KITCHEN DESIGN STORE BY PREFERRED PROPERTIES

The difference between outdoor living and living outdoors fabulously begins with a great design and ends with meticulous workmanship. This rewarding type of lifestyle leads the discerning family to live beyond the walls of their own home outdoors elevating family time and enjoying quality time in life. This is how Michael Gotowala, designer and founder of The Outdoor Kitchen Design Store by Preferred Properties, illustrates his creative vision of luxury lifestyles and living outdoors. The secret of the company's success is to understand the personalities of all family members and mimic their familiar indoor lifestyles outdoors. Whether for large catered gatherings or an intimate outdoor kitchen for family and friends, Gotowala's creative vision can make entertaining beyond the walls of the home possible for any occasion. Three decades into its run as one of the region's premier outdoor living designers and outdoor kitchen builders, Gotowala and the award-winning team at Preferred Properties continues to exceed client expectations. "Our masons are adept at building stone up to the second floor for stability and accenting stone islands that protrude through weatherproof ceiling" Gotowala says. "This creates the potential for stone fireplaces, stone bars and stone kitchen islands 'floating in the air' on the second floor— and a covered lower level for outdoor dining and conversation."

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The impact of a dramatic fire feature and its potential to anchor a space is evident in this poolside layout by Outdoor Living fabulously designer Michael Gotowala.



Cooking outdoors isn't just about grilling. Look no further than this high-end hibachi, one of many items available on our website, where great outdoor kitchen ideas begin.



Gotowala's award-winning talent as an outdoor lighting designer brings landscapes and hardscapes out of the dark with innovative, artistic and visually striking treatments.



This sprawling outdoor oasis perfectly demonstrates Preferred Properties expertise at designing functional multilevel outdoor kitchen, living, pool and great room spaces.