

Year-Round Recreation

DESIGNER

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SPECIAL FEATURES

Fully equipped outdoor kitchen,
Tuscan pizza oven as part of
fireplace, hot tub with fire wall,
extensive use of stone

PRODUCTS USED

Cabinetry: Danver
Faucet(s): Moen
Grill: DCS by Fisher & Paykel
Refrigerator: Summit Appliance
Pizza Oven: Preferred
Properties Landscaping and
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Lighting: Preferred Properties
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Hot Tub: Sundance Spa

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WITH MILD WINTERS and warm summers, Connecticut's climate is ideal for living it up in the great outdoors. This family's sizable and beautifully landscaped lot was enough to get them outside regularly, but it was not enough to keep them there for long. Desiring an outdoor design that would keep them comfortable and entertained through all the seasons, they hired Michael Gotowala, principal designer and president of Preferred Properties Landscaping and Masonry.

Gotowala carved out space off the home and outfitted it with a full suite of open-air amenities. The main focus is the fully equipped kitchen, which includes a built-in DCS by Fisher & Paykel grill, a Summit refrigerator, a Tuscan pizza oven, a sink with Moen faucet, Danver cabinetry, trash pullout, and stone countertops. This sizzling setup makes both cooking family meals and entertaining guests a snap by putting everything they need for prep and

cooking at their fingertips—no more running back and forth into the house.

The pizza oven is included in the outdoor stone fireplace that was custom designed by Preferred Properties. When not making pizzas, this fireplace provides warmth—and not to mention a great ambiance—during the chilly evenings much of the year. Other fun features include a raised courtyard off the existing deck, a pool, a gazebo, and a Sundance Spa hot tub that is built into a stone wall and is surrounded with limestone ledges for dining and conversation. A wall of fire at the hot tub ups its wow factor even more.

Extensive use of stone complements the surrounding landscaping, and Gotowala finished the outdoor area with lighting by Preferred Properties, making it ready for day, night, and year-round recreation.

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