Post-and-Beam Pavilion

DESIGNER

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SPECIAL FEATURES

Post-and-beam timber frame, skylights, wood-burning stone fireplace, pizza oven by pizzamaking station, custom Danver cabinetry

PRODUCTS USED

Cabinetry: Danver Flooring: Norwegian Buff stone in a French pattern Countertops: Neptune Sands leathered granite Grill: DCS by Fisher & Paykel Power Burner: Alfresco Pizza Oven: Tuscan Chef Refrigerator: Summit Appliances

PHOTOGRAPHER

THIS CONNECTICUT FAMILY loved spending time together in the great outdoors, but they felt that their backyard space was a less-than-spectacular setting. Their simple deck didn't have the amenities they needed for the activities they enjoyed doing together, and it was lacking in aesthetic appeal as well. Desiring a fully decked-out open-air area, they hired Michael Gotowala, principal designer and president of Preferred Properties Landscaping and Masonry.

Gotowala got to work building Norwegian Buff stone in a French pattern covers the floor and grounds the pavilion's timber frame. The ceiling features several skylights to filter in plenty of light, and a ceiling fan mounted on the ceiling keeps the air flowing during the warm summer months.

A focal point of the entire structure is the stunning stone fireplace by Preferred Properties. The wood-burning fireplace features a wood beam mantle,

which complements the timber frame, and plenty of surrounding seating lets the family and their guest cozy up for great conversations in front of the fire.

A step-down dining area includes a table for six right beside the Tuscan Chef pizza oven and pizza-making station—a favorite feature. The outdoor kitchen island, which is topped with Neptune Sands leathered granite, is outfitted with custom Danver cabinetry, a DCS by Fisher & Paykel grill, a Summit refrigerator, and an Alfresco a custom post-and-beam pavilion. power burner—everything they need to make fresh fare in the fresh air.

> Gotowala illuminated the space with Orions lights by Unique Lighting as a finishing touch and to ensure the space is usable day and night. Built specifically for family fun, this post-and-beam pavilion goes above and beyond the typical backyard barbecue setup. «

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