



Outdoor Kitchen (Remodel/Addition) More than 300 square feet Builder: Rod Miller, R & D Builders & Design

Project: Plantation Gardens, Denham Springs

his outdoor kitchen remodel/addition pairs an outdoor gourmet kitchen with outdoor dining and living rooms complete with a fireplace and flat-screen TV. The rustic decorative theme, native building materials and high-end appliances combine to create an outdoor entertainment space that is uniquely south Louisiana. Construction consists of wood deck flooring, antique pine beams and posts, custom cypress cabinetry and a tin roof. Dramatic exposed vaulted ceilings soar to a height of 14 feet. Stainless steel kitchen appliances are a focal point, with a gas grill, refrigerator and icemaker. Cypress cabinetry is topped with slate counters and a backsplash of iridescent glass tiles. Antique iron gates were incorporated into the backsplash for architectural interest, allowing natural light to permeate the food prep area. Adjacent to the kitchen, the outdoor dining room includes salvaged antique transoms suspended from the pavilion eaves and a hanging copper lantern. A wood-burning fireplace and custom canvas shades offer options for managing cool or windy weather

conditions. Alternatively, several exterior ceiling fans offer breeze on warm summer days. For additional entertainment space, a wrap-around porch with tin roof was added on to the existing house then furnished with swings and wicker furniture.

Home Grown Products

The antique iron gates, antique beams and posts, as well as custom cypress cabinetry were all purchased or produced locally.

Green Features

The combination of reclaimed building materials and roll-down exterior canvas shades that protect the space from both heat and cold are earthy-friendly components.

Money Matters

Costs were reduced through design decisions, like the floors made of wood decking rather than more costly concrete slab and stone tile. The finish of the weather-treated deck, beams and posts will age naturally and never require painting.







Outdoor Kitchen (New Construction) More than 300 square feet

Builder: Guy W. Oliver, G. W. Oliver Construction **Project:** University Club Plantation, Baton Rouge

This standalone building was constructed in the backyard to serve as a pool house, outdoor kitchen and living space. Designed by Eduardo Jenkins Landscape Architect & Planner and complete with a true brick Isokern fireplace and ceiling fans, the space was designed and built to be enjoyed year-round. Multi-tone, variable-size slate tile floors, reclaimed brick and pine beams and a pair of decorative iron chandeliers offer the space a rustic, yet traditional appearance. Combination brick and slab granite countertops, stainless steel Viking appliances and custom cypress cabinetry create an elemental blend that is distinctly south Louisiana.

Home Grown Products

All of the recycled lumber that was used in this construction project was salvaged from homes or buildings demolished in Louisiana. The reclaimed pine beams were fabricated into siding, doors and trim on the interior and exterior of the building.

Local Talent

Plumbing, electrical, masonry and roofing work, as well as millwork fabrication were performed by areal subcontractors.

Green Features

Antique brick and wood beams line the floors, walls and ceiling of this outdoor room, meaning the majority of the building is made with earth-friendly reclaimed materials.





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