



5 Questions To Ask When Designing Your Outdoor Living Space



If you are in the beginning stages of creating your dream outdoor living space, then you know how exciting it is to think of all the possibilities for your backyard!

Whether your goal is to have an ultimate outdoor kitchen, an epic hosting area, or a quiet outdoor retreat, dreaming about a new outdoor space is always exciting.

As you think about the design and features you want for your outdoor living space, here are five questions that you should ask yourself.



No matter your goal, dreaming about a new outdoor living space is always exciting!



1 - What are your goals for your outdoor space?

Your goals are the springboard for the design, layout, and features that you will want.

For example, if you want to focus on hosting parties, then you will want large open areas with connected seating areas.

However, if your goal is a quiet retreat for the family, you may want a smaller area that includes a water feature or fireplace to create a personal, intimate space.

Your goals are the bedrock for creating a truly custom and personal outdoor living space!

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2 - What features do you want?

Many features are available for outdoor living designs, and it is important to know which ones you want to include in yours.

Some of the most popular features include fireplaces, outdoor kitchens, pergolas, entertainment centers, hot tubs, and more.

Including the features you want in the design process will make your outdoor living space truly yours. It also allows the builders to integrate the features seamlessly during construction.

Custom features make your outdoor living space truly yours.



3 - How will you access your outdoor space?

While this is a more practical question, it is necessary as you think of the design and features you want.

Ideally, you will want at least two access points to your outdoor space - one from your home and one from your yard.

As you look at your backyard and home, it is helpful to visualize where you want these access points to be. This can help you decide where stairs, landings, and other features will fit in best.

Also, just because they are access points does not mean they don't add to the outdoor beauty!

There are many intricate ways that stairs, landings, and access points can be designed and integrated into your outdoor space. This allows access points to contribute to the beauty and style of your backyard instead of being a distraction.

Ideally you want to access your outdoor space from your home and your yard.



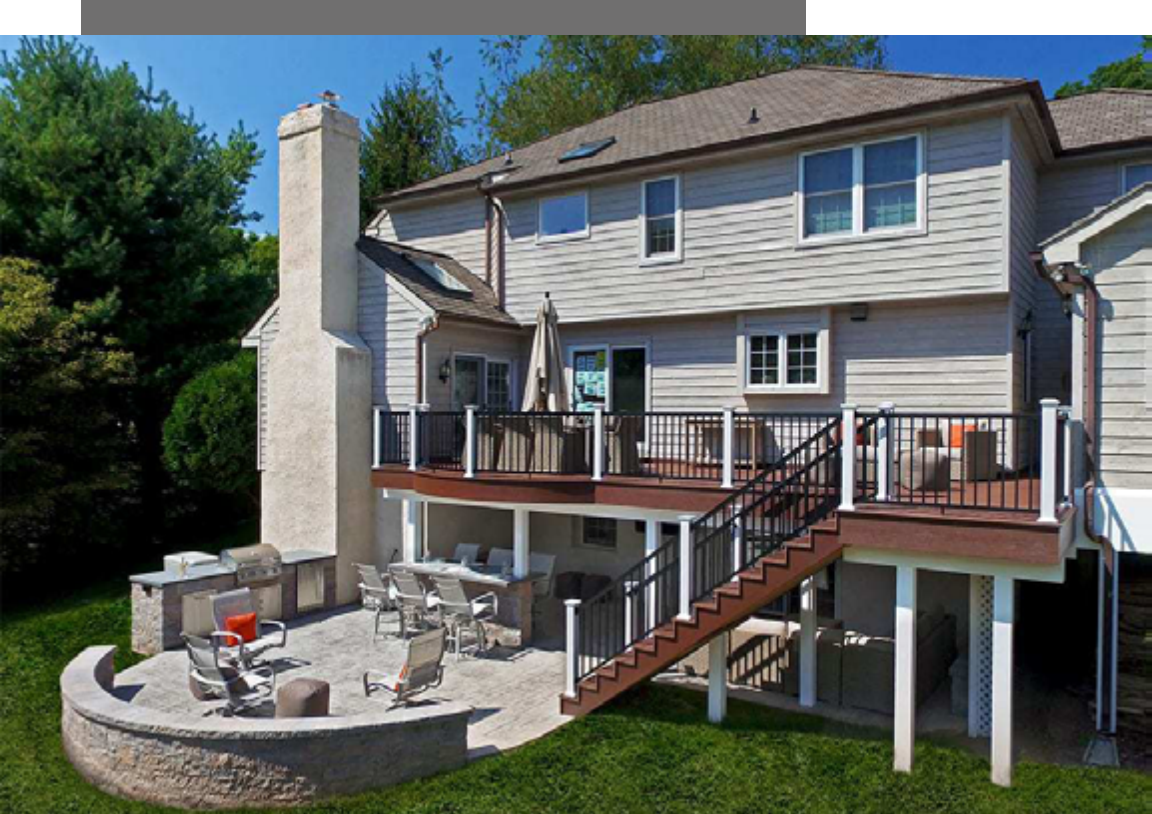
4 - How will you light your outdoor space?

When it comes to outdoor lighting, there are multiple options, and each one brings a different style and ambiance.

Common options include string lights, step lighting, hanging light fixtures, deck post lighting, or under-deck lights.

Not only does lighting make your outdoor space usable at night, but it adds your unique style to the project. It also allows you to emphasize specific features, such as an outdoor kitchen or water feature.

Custom lighting allows you to use your outdoor space at night and adds your unique style.



5 - What is the overall style you want?

Everyone has their unique style, and that is one of the best things about your outdoor living space - you can make it completely yours!

Whether your style is modern, rustic, contemporary, or a hybrid, the colors and products used to build your outdoor space can reflect your style.

Another factor in determining your style is your existing home and backyard. Multiple colors and designs allow you to seamlessly integrate your outdoor living space into your current home aesthetics.

The overall style you choose influences the colors and products used during construction.

Conclusion

As you begin laying out and designing your dream outdoor living area, don't forget to enjoy each step and dream big!

When you are ready to start turning your dreams into reality, contact our design team at Keystone Custom Decks.

Our team will listen to your dreams and goals, and we will walk with you in choosing and designing your personal outdoor space. This includes a complementary 3D rendering that allows you to visualize your dream.

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your journey!*



