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## Outdoor Room & Patio Trends



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Georgia weather allows for plenty of outdoor time, especially in the spring and summer. Simply fanning yourself on a screened porch or playing in the swimming pool has morphed into homes that have full outdoor living areas and kitchens.

From full gourmet kitchens to seating areas for watching movies on big flat-screen televisions, living outside can be just as hip or elegant as inside.

We rounded up some tips and photos of outdoor rooms and porches to give you some

ideas for your own.

- Retractable screens on screened porches
- Low maintenance products, such as rot-resistant wood, fiberglass, and PVC
- Sustainability; for example, FSC certified woods are becoming more and more popular.
- Concrete countertops for outdoor kitchens and bars
- Outdoor storage containers and bins
- Fireplaces, brick ovens and state-of-the-art grilling stations
- Outdoor refrigerators
- Gas sconces, chandeliers and table lamps
- Outdoor entertainment systems including stereos and flat-screen televisions

— Collin Kelley

Sources: *Renewal Design-Build, Creech Custom Builders, Hawthorne Inc./Laurel Projects, Georgian Patio Chest*



COURTESY HAWTHORNE INC.  
Hawthorne Inc. completed this cozy outdoor room last year for a home in Antsley Park. Fireplaces have become local points. [www.hawthorninc.com](http://www.hawthorninc.com).



COURTESY ENVIRONS  
Environs Residential Design & Construction transformed this porch into an outdoor dining area. [www.environsresidential.com](http://www.environsresidential.com).



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A stone fireplace is the centerpiece for this outdoor dining room at an Intown home. [www.creechcustombuilders.com](http://www.creechcustombuilders.com).