



Elegant Outdoor Kitchens

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Planning A Project!

A design guide that will help you understand the process of building a custom outdoor kitchen with the professionals at Elegant Outdoor Kitchens of Fort Myers, Florida. From concept to completion, we'll walk you through the steps necessary to get what you want out of an outdoor kitchen build!



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Things to Consider Before Designing Your Outdoor Kitchen

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When considering a design for your custom outdoor kitchen area and living space, it's as much about performance as it is about style and aesthetics. Before committing to a design, there are few questions you might want to take into consideration. To get what you want out of an outdoor kitchen build, you must first understand what you want to achieve, and what you have to work with.

- Will you be hosting parties, or the occasional intimate family gathering?
- Will you need refrigeration, natural gas, or running water?
- Do you have the proper water and/or gas lines running to your outdoor living area? If not, have you inquired about an estimate?
- What type of fuel will your primary cooking components use? Natural Gas, Propane, Charcoal, Wood or a multi-fuel outdoor cooking appliance?
- Will you also dine outside? If so, will your dining area be built-in to the outdoor kitchen island?
- What style of cooking are you interested in? Grilling, Baking, Smoking or a combination of cooking styles?
- What type of material finishes are you planning on using? Have you considered how the material will fair in the SWFL climate?
- Have you considered both functional storage and trash storage? Does it matter?
- What design configuration or island layout works best for your outdoor space?
- What's your overall project budget?
- Have you spoke with a professional design consultant yet?





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The Structural Layout Of An Outdoor Kitchen

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Custom Outdoor Kitchen plans can be as simple or complex as you desire. The one physical factor that keeps many of us from designing the ultimate outdoor living area is space. Chances are that you have a limited amount space or physical area to work with. Unless your last name is Rockefeller, then you just got it like that. The other factor tends to be budget.

There are many practical design layouts that you can implement. Most of these layouts stem from a few basic design configurations. The base layout configurations consist of:

• Linear or Straight



• L-Shape



• U-Shape

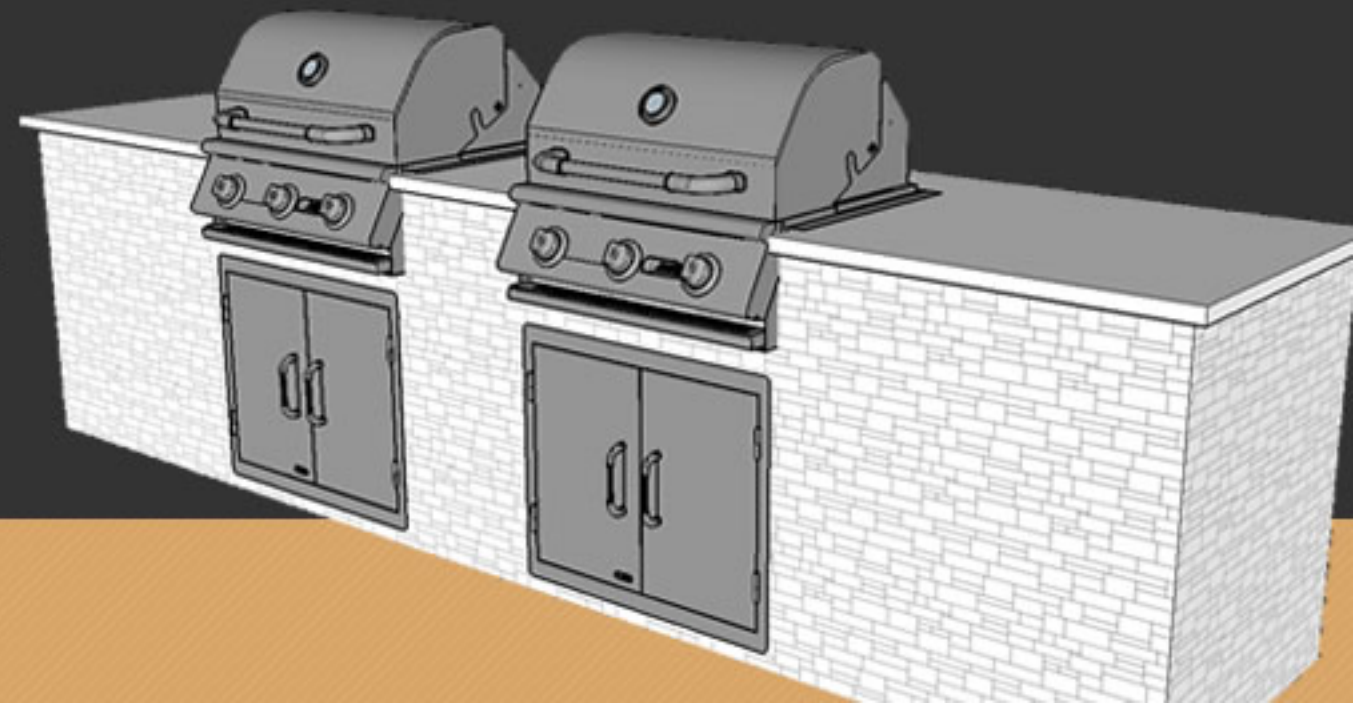


• Split Level



While this list is anything but extensive, almost every custom outdoor kitchen layout is based off one of these basic models. Depending on the area you have, we're certain that you can convey to your EOK Designer which type of design configuration you want through the base styles mentioned.

The best part of designing an outdoor kitchen is the customization. BBQ Island designs are customized with everything from backsplashes, raised bar areas (split level), dining areas, even fire features built right into the counter-top. The list is quite endless when it comes to structural customizations. This section of the brochure will prepare you to talk the talk with your designer.





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Aesthetic Finishing Materials

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When working with Elegant Outdoor Kitchens, you're able to choose the unique finishing materials for your brand-new custom outdoor kitchen. When it comes to your finishing material options, the material choices are quite extensive. It's important to understand that inferior materials and craftsmanship will deteriorate quickly in an outdoor environment.

Countertops

During the layout and design phase you will have already decided on how much counter space you have to work with. Countertops are important, as you will need them to prepare food, serve food, and ultimately use as a space to set stuff down. The material you choose for your countertop is an important one. You should consider that it will be exposed to outdoor elements, it can't stain or chip easily, and it should match your siding. Luckily there are many options when it comes to countertops. The best choices are going to be materials like natural stone, tile, and other outdoor materials. It's best to speak with an Elegant Outdoor Kitchens representative before purchasing any materials for your countertop.



Facing Finish (Siding Finish)

The siding finish is what you and your guests will immediately notice about your outdoor kitchen. That's why this finish should be considered carefully. It's always a good idea to choose a finish that matches your overall outdoor environment and your countertops. Stone veneer, also known as stacked stone is an upscale and popular outdoor kitchen finish. When choosing a veneer, you must consider your climate and the weather it will be exposed to. What you will have to choose from will depend on your environment. Speak with your Elegant Outdoor Kitchens representative about the material options that are available and suitable for your climate. They'll be happy to showcase some of the beautiful materials you can use for your outdoor kitchen.





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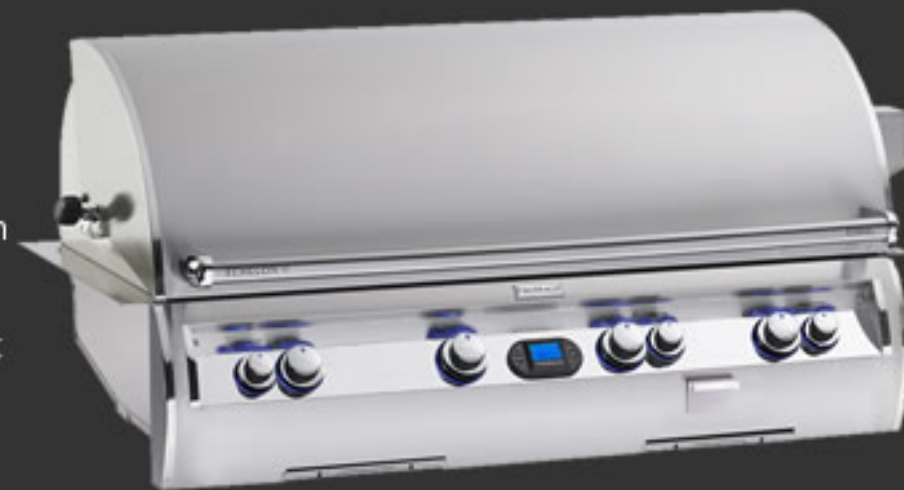
Built-In Grills & Accessories

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The best part of designing your outdoor kitchen is choosing from the amazing cooking & grilling components that are available today. The choices are vast and it helps to have an experienced outdoor kitchen consultant to help you realize your outdoor cooking needs. You must consider many factors when choosing your grill, stainless steel accessories, and secondary cooking components. Things to keep in mind are your budget and the space you have in your outdoor kitchen design.

The Built-In Grill

Let's face it, an outdoor kitchen isn't a kitchen without a professional grill. This will be your go-to cooking component for your outdoor living area. It's important to make sure you choose a grill that's durable, high performance, and will withstand the test of time. The last thing you want to do is build an outdoor kitchen with cut-out dimensions for a grill that will only last two years. What If the manufacturer goes out of business? Our recommendation is that you buy a professional style grill that will last you between ten to fifteen years. Plus, the performance you'll get from a professional grill is unmatched when compared to some of the lower end manufacturers you find at places like Home Depot.



Outdoor Kitchen Accessories

From Pizza Ovens to Access Doors, Drawers, and more. Your outdoor kitchen can be outfitted with even more custom cooking components than your interior kitchen. There are very few limits to cooking outdoors. Speak with one of our Elegant Outdoor Kitchens designers to choose your custom accessories and additional cooking components.



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Contact Elegant Outdoor Kitchens Now!

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Designing and outdoor kitchen for your home is an exciting time. It's important that you choose a company that will work closely with you to plan, design, and manufacture the outdoor kitchen you've always wanted. Here at Elegant Outdoor Kitchens we pride ourselves on communication and customer service & support. Building your perfect outdoor kitchen means that we must first understand what you want in an outdoor living area. Give us a call today or send us an inquiry through the form we've included below. We're here to help you with all your custom outdoor kitchen needs. So, let's get building!

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