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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REMODELING TALES BY KATHY PRICE-ROBINSON

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## Remodeling trend: males abandoning man-caves?

Men, could this be true? You're abandoning your man-caves for man-kitchens and man-patios?

This emerging (get it?) trend was announced in a press release for **ReVision**, a remodeling company that won an award for the **outdoor man-kitchen** you see here.

Todd Senft, from the Canadian remodeling company, said the project was created for "a young entrepreneurial bachelor, who doesn't want to just sit in front of the TV, watching sports and drinking beer. Guys like him are into cooking, into wine, and they want to impress friends, family and clients. He wants to be responsible for feeding his own guests."

Plus: "It's an evolution in sophistication: more and more we see guys, like this client, who have great ideas for customizing their own kitchens. They've given it some thought and they know what they want."

This outdoor space incorporates a bar, open kitchen, barbecue pit, fireplace, eight-person hot tub and a shower/change area. It has poured concrete countertops, an intricate surround sound speaker system hidden in the 1-by-4 tongue-and-groove cedar ceiling, and a large outdoor fireplace and overhead gas heater.

What I'm not seeing here is any mention of a large-screen TV for watching college basketball, professional basketball, college football, professional football, soccer, golf, baseball, poker, boxing, mixed martial arts and the upcoming Olympic Games.

So I wonder — observing my own household — is this strictly a Canadian trend?

Check out the same client's **indoor man-kitchen**. Love that masculine pebble backsplash!

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Have a question for Kathy? Email her [here](#).

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