



Todd Senft Outdoor Kitchen — Todd Senft pairs up wood and steel in his award-winning outdoor kitchen, streamlined for a luxe look and year-round entertainment.

Chill and grill

Since the kitchen is the heart of the home, it's no surprise that this busy space has moved outdoors, complete with all the modern conveniences. The beloved barbecue no longer stands on its own. Ovens, cooktops and refrigerators are now designed to live outside so that the chef can be part of the party. No more running back and forth with drinks and platters of food; today's outdoor kitchen options are fabulous. Here's a prize-winning design that inspired me.

Todd Senft's 4-season West Coast outdoor kitchen was winner of the CHBA National SAM Award for Best Renovation "Any Room" category. Natural stone and wood connect this gourmet kitchen to the house and the outdoor pool and lounge. The cedar roof has four skylights to keep the space bright; the stamped concrete floor is decorative and easy care. An overhead gas heater and corner fireplace provide year-round warmth. The latest in appliances, including a sleek steel six-burner grill, storage and a mini-fridge sit under a poured concrete all-weather countertop.