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25 GENIUS OUTDOOR KITCHEN DESIGN TIPS

These tricks are a culinary game-changer.

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As the temperature continues to drop—and our attention moves inside—merely thinking about an outdoor kitchen is surprisingly, if not stylistically sacrilegious. While creating warm and cozy spaces for the here-and-now ranks high on most people's decorating to-do list, getting a head start on your alfresco area can be an investment for your future self and space. Simply put, nobody wants to spend the height of summer sifting through tile samples or waiting for that back-ordered patio furniture.

Regardless of how early you start the planning process, decorating an outdoor kitchen is by no means easy. Not only do you want to create a space that caters nicely to both home chefs and guests, but you'll also need to consider how your culinary quarters will fare during those unfavorable months. To help, we asked a handful of designers to share their best tips for decorating an outdoor kitchen. From the practical to the aesthetically pleasing, the pointers below are worthy of a chef's kiss.