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Outdoor Kitchens: A Do-It-Yourself Guide To Design And Construction (Better Homes And Gardens Home)





Synopsis

Detailed plans for outdoor kitchen in a variety of locations.Color photos provide inspiration on how to apply designs to any setting.Insights and ideas for the cook, as well as smart tips for the builder.Coverage of both form and function to help homeowners assess their needs for cooking and storage space.Special section provides all-time favorite grilling recipes and tips for outdoor cooking from the Better Homes and Gardens experts.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

I paid more money for expedited shipping and it still took over a week to get here. Anyways, the book was a disappointment. It was not sure what the book was focusing on, design, technicalities, building??? I was interested in understanding how to build an outdoor kitchen, what size cinder blocks to use, what size footing to pour, what should be the size of the base, how to build around the grill, how to run utilities and various options one could look at. I did not find anything on these areas in the book and hence a disappointment.

Okay, this is not a book of plans and layouts--there are several--but, that's not the primary purpose of a book like this. IDEAS that's what you got here.Transposing one of these designs wholesale into your backyard would be fine IF you have the space, the matching terrain and the \$s and, if the design matches and fits the style, scale and complements the features of your house. The writers admonish the reader to sit down and seriuosly think about how they use their kitchen and how they plan to use their outdoor one--that bit of advice alone is well worth the price of the book. As to the do-it-yourself aspects of the book they are well thought out, well laid out and clearly illustrated--and they are repleat with warnings and "bail-outs" All around outstanding

I bought this book while in the brainstorming phase of my outdoor kitchen. Incidentally it's STILL in that phase, and this book did not advance my cause at all. It had good reviews and I was hoping it would have good ideas and planning tools. Instead, it seems to focus on only a handful of actual kitchens, and doesn't really cover much ground. It does not have any recommendations on building YOUR kitchen as far as usage of space, appliance placement, etc. There is ZERO cost information as well, so if you are hoping for help shaping your kitchen budget, this also is not the tool. It has some moderately useful technical information, but not nearly enough to let you build anything unless you already knew how, in which case...you wouldn't need the book. Basically, it's got some nice pictures of some pretty sweet kitchens that might give you an idea here and there; that's about it.

the book has a lot of good ideas for designing an outdoor kitchen, but does not go into much detail in how to build it. the instruction are very vague. it tells you what to do but not how to do it. there is very little information in the step by step insturctions. not much of an investment if you're planning to build an outdoor kitchen.

I bought this for my husband who want to install an outdoor kitchen and this book gave good design ideas as well as installation tips.

It doesnt give you the a-z's of building an outdoor kitchen, but it has some great ideas. i bought this along with the sunset version and between the two, i have all i need to build my outdoor kitchen.

The patterns in this book are beautiful. The instruction given provides a wide base for other applications and can easily be conformed to your own uses. The illustrations are excellet quality and not the coloring book quality of some. A very easy guide to read and follow. I would highly recommend this product to any beginning builder.

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