

# Creating An Outdoor Living Experience

*M*ore homeowners are choosing to renovate in an effort to bring the great outdoors in. For homeowners looking to add value to their home and a place for relaxation outside, extending your living area outdoors through the addition of decks, patios, walkways, gardens and entertainment areas is the perfect solution.

Outdoor rooms and living areas that have the full features of indoor kitchens and family rooms are the new trend, as are living spaces beneath a raised deck. Many outdoor spaces have elaborate stone fireplaces, barbecue pits, pools and retaining walls. And while much consideration is typically given to architectural features of such spaces, often the stone or paving chosen is viewed as a minor detail.

Paving is not a minor detail, especially when the surface area to be covered is large. The right combination of unique stone pavers can turn an otherwise ordinary renovation or addition into an extraordinary environ-scape.

Travertine, Brickstone and Plazastone are just a few examples of the vocabulary the contractors at Kilgore's Brick Pavers, Inc are intimately familiar with. Every day, this Florida panhandle leader in decorative and specialty paving applications creates masterpieces of stone in the shape of patios, hardscapes, walkways, pool decks and retaining walls.

Experienced paving consultants and a reputation for superior customer service, as well as a selection of premium products provides the framework for your experience when working with Kilgore's Brick Pavers.

Kilgore's Brick Pavers creates unique paving designs that translate into real dollar value for commercial and residential projects. For commercial paving, the products used are strong, durable and don't individually bond to a base or adjoining pavers, making them a snap to remove for underground or maintenance repair work.

For residential properties, Kilgore's Brick Pavers work well as both an accent and a focal point to the total landscape. A variety of pavers offer customization options for the individual homeowner. And the low maintenance units are perfect for driveways, pool decks, walkways and small accent areas.

The summer solstice has passed and the days are getting shorter. Soon, the fading sunlight will serve as a signal to the leaves to begin turning color. For



many, autumn is the perfect time to enjoy all things outdoors, from football tailgating to moonlit dinner parties.

As you create your outdoor living area experience, consider the following stone options and their highest and best uses.

## **Cobblestone.**

Cobblestone provides the ultimate cut stone look for the modern paved surface. The randomly laid stone shapes add a distinctive look to any walkway. Cobblestones are appropriate for casual or formal settings such as driveways or poolside. Cobblestones are durable and age plus wear and tear only make this enduring surface all the more attractive.

## **Brickstone**

Brickstone is a traditional, rectangular brick-shaped paver stone used in a variety of settings. It's one of the most versatile pavers in use today because it's easy to work with and can be installed in a number of different geometric patterns including running bond, herringbone, and basket weave.

## **Bishop's Hat**

Bishop's Hat is one of the most familiar paving stones; usually found surrounding pools at large hotels and other public waterside spots. This paver is bold in both its size and form. It can be used alone or in combination with other paving stones like Plazastone. It works best in large areas where patterns help to define the outdoor space.

### Symmetry

The Symmetry style paver adds personality to any paved surface. It's unique combination of a small square and hexagon form definite patterns that give shape and movement to surface areas. Use of this product is limited only by the imagination and is recommended for driving courts, walkways and poolside.

### Travertine

Although classically used indoors, Travertine makes an elegant statement about the area it covers. This tile-paver has been used in the construction of buildings for thousands of years. Today, it's used for flooring, cladding on buildings, in showers, as wall coverings and as countertops.

Whatever your goals for your outdoor environment, including pavers and stone is a must-have. When you're looking for a professional job with excellent product availability, look no further than to Kilgore's Brick Pavers & Tile, Inc.

For more information about their line of products or to schedule a consultation, call Kilgore's Brick Pavers & Tile, Inc. at (850) 229-1980 or visit them online at [www.kilgoresbrickpavers.com](http://www.kilgoresbrickpavers.com).



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