

The Best Landscape Design Ideas For The Backyard

One of the advantages of owning a house is that you have a backyard that you can arrange as you like. You can transform your yard into a cosy space where you can relax, you can create an area to barbecue with friends, or you can build out a pool for the kids. Alternatively, you can build a spectacular garden with a water fountain, gorgeous flowers, and exotic trees: it is all dependent on the space you have, the budget, and the preferred style.

With so many options available it can be difficult to decide on just one- particularly if it's the first time when you are doing such a project. Regardless of whether you want to handle everything yourself, or would rather hire a specialized team, it is recommended to first consult a landscape designer for some personalized ideas.

Can't afford a landscape designer? We understand, which is why we decided to make an expert roundup with 38 professional landscape designers.

[Minuca Elena](#) reached out and asked: What are the best landscape design ideas for the backyard? We received a variety of answers that you can read below. We hope that the ideas presented in this roundup will inspire you and that you will find something that you can apply to your own backyard.

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As outdoor living in any backyard is no longer simply about the architecture, plantings, or elements; it is about the vibe or feel that is created. The best landscape designs contribute to delivering experiences. The desired vibe is different for everyone; but landscapes are integral when forging desired coloration, textures, shade, lighting, and areas for seating, dining, lounging, entertaining, and gathering.

One great design idea includes the use of a variety of plant selections. If a resort vibe is envisioned, palm trees to tropical flowers situated in walled planters are an easy design element. If the vibe is for family relaxation, the plantings can include large expanses of turf for games and gatherings.

Wall gardens or vertical plantings are a new and exciting landscape idea that can add greenery or succulents to small spaces as well as provide definition within outdoor areas.

In creating an outdoor design, capitalizing on the natural elements that abound is a strategy for success. Whether sun or water, fire, or flora, the use of multiple nature-focused elements within an outdoor space can add drama and create greater overall appeal. Stone fountains to infinity swimming pools, fire pots to rock hearths, there are numerous additions that can be made to any outdoor space to emphasize elements in nature.

Coloration can add to any design. The use of flowering plants and bountiful arrangements can add to the color story of any outdoor space. Colorful planters or planting statuary or art can also add color that will complement the landscape with the furnishings and fabrics adorning the space.

Lighting in a landscape plan can be instrumental in creating preferred outdoor vibes. One client wanted a family space by day; with a nightclub or Las Vegas vibe by night. This was created through the addition of vibrant lighting from plant lights to border light strings around architectural elements. New ideas in outdoor lighting for within not only the landscape but outdoor kitchens to sculpture gardens will also support the desired feel to an outdoor space.

A growing trend in outdoor design also includes the addition of modern technology from performance fabrics to designer hardscapes. By incorporating the latest in modern achievements, unique materials, trending colorways, and textural and landscaping elements, one-of-a-kind outdoor décor are being created.