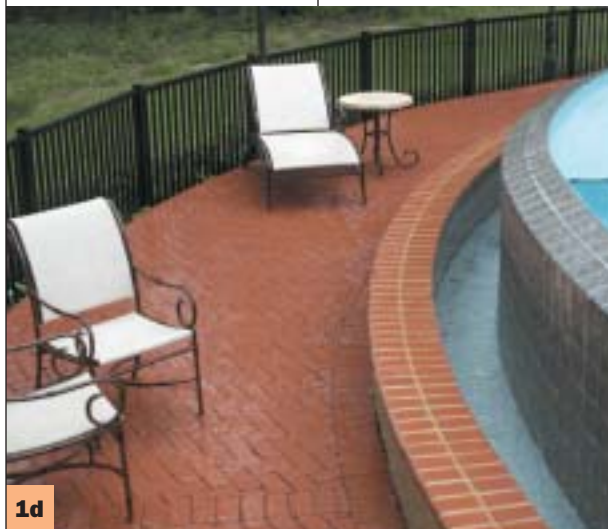


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Water cascades over the pool edge into a "moat" rimmed by a wall capped in brick, thereby preventing slippery spots on the deck surface. (1d)

Outdoor Inspiration

Every year, thousands flock to the Carolinas for its secluded beaches and rugged mountains. Some merely visit, while others, enticed by the region's year-round mild temperatures, choose to make it their home. The temperate climate of the Carolinas lends itself perfectly to outdoor living, whether it's spring, summer, fall, or even winter. It's no surprise, then, that Carolinians take outdoor living seriously.

Homeowners create spaces that not only embrace the outdoors; they celebrate it. Today's patio is more than just a few lawn chairs and a table with an umbrella. It's clever, creative, and above all, functional. Rules fly out the window... literally. Innovative builders create outdoor living rooms, dining rooms, and even kitchens with fully equipped cooking stations. Fireplaces, gazebos, terraced plants, fountains, and shade shelters create private outdoor sanctuaries that offer both quiet repose and a perfect venue for entertaining.



Brick is often the preferred material for patios, pool areas, and driveways because its natural color and texture capture the play of light and shade beautifully. With its infinite variety of shapes, sizes, colors, textures, and configurations, brick can tame uneven terrain, conceal bald spots in a lawn, or transform an otherwise hum-drum back yard into a haven of relaxation and hospitality.

Professionally installed outdoor masonry – or “hardscaping” – costs less per square foot to install and maintain than landscaping, and it can add 7-9 percent to the value of a home. For truly “ground-breaking” results that satisfy the vision of even the most discriminating homeowner, brick is the natural choice to create a true garden of earthly delights.



2a



2c



2b



2f



2d



2e

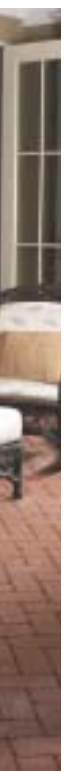
The open joints of this unique circular design allow for planting moss and other ground cover. Traditional brick pavers radiate from an eclectic, whimsical mushroom sculpture in the center. (2e)



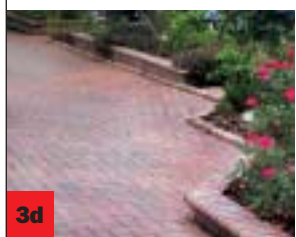
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3a



3b



3d

This rose garden was refurbished as part of a civic project in Winter Park, Florida. Citizens can now stroll along winding paths that encircle rich rose gardens steeped in town history. (3b, d)



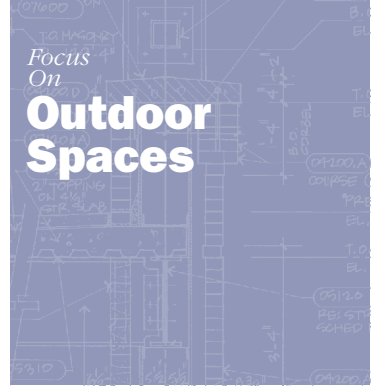
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3e

This stately driveway promises a grand entrance. Its 90-degree herringbone pattern can withstand vehicular traffic for years to come. (3e)

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4a



4b



4c



4d

Deep-colored edging lends superb contrast to light-colored brick set in a sturdy herring-bone pattern. (4d)



“The versatility of brick allows homeowners to take outdoor entertaining to the next level.”

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Enveloped by lush landscaping and ancient live oaks, this outdoor hearthside retreat makes you forget you're on a patio. Salvaged brick creates an established, aged look, while rough-hewn cypress beams and planking warms up the space and creates intimacy. Beyond the full masonry walls with arched openings is an extended brick terrace overlooking the meticulously landscaped backyard.



This pondside sanctuary is simple yet serene: the brick pathway leads to a great venue for enjoying natural surroundings. (5d)



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Curving lines gently hug the perimeter of this custom pool. A brick pool skirt compliments the stone-clad hot tub and low-maintenance rock planting that surrounds the area. (6a)



6a



6b



6c

Flashed modular pavers make this winding path a delight to explore. (6b, d)



6d

Queen-sized brick in natural, earthy tones balance the ornate composition of this refined outdoor fireplace. (6e)



6e

KUDOS

1a, 2c 9152 Heydon Hall Circle, Charlotte, NC; Builder: Provident Homes, Charlotte, NC; Designer: Stephen Fuller, Atlanta, GA; Mason Contractor: Sanchez General Construction, Inc., Charlotte, NC

1b, 5d Private residence, Lewisville, NC; Paver Installer: Brick Details, Inc., Lewisville, NC

1c Private residence, Monroe, NC; Builder: Tarheel Outdoor Design Group, Inc., Monroe, NC; Mason: Final Touch Masonry Inc., Monroe, NC

1d, 2f Private residence

2a, b Hayden Hall Information Center & Design Studio; Builder: Simonini Builders, Charlotte, NC; Designer: Stephen Fuller, Atlanta, GA

2d 9138 Heydon Hall Circle, Charlotte, NC; Builder: Carolina Phoenix Builders, Matthews, NC; Designer: Stephen Fuller, Atlanta, GA; Mason Contractor: John Bullard, Charlotte, NC

2e Private residence, King, NC; Paver Installer: Paver Design, Greensboro, NC

3a, 4b, c 2003 Highgate Homearama Showhome; Builder: Simonini Builders, Charlotte, NC; Designer: Christopher Phelps & Associates, Charlotte, NC; Mason Contractor: McGee Brothers Co., Inc., Charlotte, NC

3b, d Central Park Rose Garden, Winter Park, FL; Architect: Michael Design Associates, Winter Park, FL; Builder: Gomez Construction, Winter Park, FL

3c, 6c Private residence, Madison, NC; Builder: Ahern Construction, Stokesdale, NC; Mason: Dennis Cardwell, Madison, NC

3e Private residence, Tampa, FL

4a 2002 Highgrove Homearama Showhome; Builder: Simonini Builders, Charlotte, NC; Designer: Christopher Phelps & Associates, Charlotte, NC; Mason Contractor: McGee Brothers Co., Inc., Charlotte, NC

4d Private Residence, Tampa, FL

5a-c Private Residence, St. Francisville, LA; Architect: Billie Brian, courtesy of Southern Living, Inc.

6a Private Residence, Tampa, FL

6b, d Private residence, McGregor Downs, Cary, NC; General Contractor: Richard Miano Contracting, Raleigh, NC

6e Private residence, Murfreesboro, TN; Builder: Pat Hatcliff, Murfreesboro, TN; Mason: Jose Valdivinas, Murfreesboro, TN

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