

**Brads Designing Tips For Your Outdoor Living Area** 

The weather is warming up and it's nice to spend more time outside, so I thought this month I would talk about outdoor entertaining areas.

The best living spaces are those that flow from the inside to the outside, which will help make the most of 'alfresco' living which can be just as good as and a lot cheaper than extending your living room. Continuing with the same colour scheme inside and out with help blend both areas together thus creating a larger grand effect.

A fast growing trend in outdoor living is pizza ovens. Australia has the perfect climate for outdoor entertaining, and what better way to do it then in your own pizza oven (can even cook a beautiful baked dinner). It's a fun social thing to do and never fails to impress your family or guests.

Outdoor kitchens with built in bbq's, fridges, dishwashers and cupboards allow you to entertain outside without having to continually come back inside to collect supplies from your kitchen which in turn helps you to enjoy having guests over as much as they enjoy coming. Ceiling fans are a great way to help keep the area cool and keep the flies and mossies at bay.

So with a little forward planning, you too could create a beautiful indoor/outdoor oasis that you can enjoy all year round.

Happy Entertaining.

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