BRINGING THE OUTDOORS IN

Recently, the "must have" in all new homes is outdoor living rooms, outdoor dining rooms and outdoor top of the line kitchens. Move over screened-in porches and make way for these new extensions of the home's useful square footage.

These new rooms are at times separated by panels of glass doors that fold into themselves to truly co-join the outdoors with the indoors. It's a room with a roof and no walls. The sofas are comfy for watching TV by the fire; the dining rooms





are complete with ambient lighting fixtures and flowing drapery. And who doesn't like to dine al fresco? These features not only expand the living areas but allow for nature to join us while we enjoy our surroundings. Once you have one you'll wonder how you lived without.

Over the years we have seen builders, designers, architects and developers seek out and find new and exciting features to add to their repertoire.

We have seen basements become lower levels with theaters, wine cellars and yoga studios. We have seen massage rooms off the master bedrooms and inside showers open up to the outdoors. Gourmet kitchens and solid sheets of marble in glamorous bathrooms are a given today.

The bar on custom features just keeps getting pushed higher and higher.





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