



## JANIECE SNYDER LANDSCAPE DESIGN

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### DESCRIBE THE FEATURED PROJECT.

This 1950s Palos Verdes ranch house is a very large property. The owners' first project 12 years ago involved building a full-size batting cage and basketball court for their boys. To say this space became an athlete's dream would be an understatement! A steady stream of teams, kids, coaches and parents have been filing into this backyard for years. It was utilized primarily for sports, turning into a somewhat kids-only zone. Plus the former design of the property didn't fully utilize the space in a way to allow all members of the family to fully enjoy the outdoors.

When I was first hired, I had a vision of transforming the upper property into a resort-style space that would expand the home from the indoors to the outside. I wanted to balance the needs of this sports-minded family—and house full of boys—by creating quiet spaces for Mom to relax and entertain friends and family. I built a large deck off every door of the home, allowing the outdoors to become a feature within every room and giving all family members access to quiet moments in nature.

This family loves to entertain and cook for everyone in the neighborhood, so we created a full-sized outdoor kitchen—including a Santa Maria custom-made BBQ. This outdoor kitchen is connected to the indoor kitchen, which creates a flow for the

family and is great when cooking on warm days! Plus it gives everyone some space to breathe. I created a unique water wall that centers the yard and works as somewhat of a divider. Two giant fire features were built on opposite sides.

Now that this stage of the project is complete, the owners can fully enjoy their home for the upcoming holiday season. And I am sure the visions will continue to evolve for this beloved property.

### WHAT ARE THE TOP TRENDS IN OUTDOOR KITCHENS THIS YEAR?

I build outdoor kitchens in all my projects. These past couple years I have been incorporating smokers, pizza ovens, kegerators and TVs. The outdoor kitchen is universally loved by guys; dads really enjoy cooking outside and entertaining friends at the bar while watching a football game.

### TELL US ABOUT THE OTHER PROJECTS YOU WORKED ON THIS YEAR.

This year has been a busy, creative year. I was lucky enough to work on the exterior design of two properties featured in this issue of *Southbay HOME* magazine. Both projects were for families filled with teenagers. The end result for both properties was completely unique, as I tailored each to meet the clients' ideas and styles. I love the joy it brings to families when they can be together or entertain in a gorgeous outdoor setting.