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For this outdoor renovation project the pool & perimeter wall, including many interesting architectural elements, were already in place. The challenge was making the space more functional as well as incorporating modern features without disrupting the rustic charm.

An existing flagstone patio covered most of the backyard. However, it was separated by a long set of steps dividing the patio into an upper & lower level. Both levels were confining, uninviting and non-functional. By extending the upper level we created comfortable sitting areas around the pool. It also created a defined space for a new outdoor kitchen. A masonry bench further helped separate the spaces into 'outdoor rooms'. A small planting space was important to break up the monotony of so much hardscape. Multiple umbrellas can be easily relocated depending on the time of day or year, while bistro lighting created a relaxing atmosphere at night.

Over 600 square feet of concrete was removed from the side of the house to create a beautiful garden space, including a custom made gardener's studio. Due to HOA restrictions the structure could not exceed the six foot high perimeter wall so we excavated two feet deep to create a cozy sunken space. An eclectic collection of re-purposed barnwood, pallet slats, salvaged windows & doors and vintage furniture were utilized to create an artistic, fun and cohesive work space.

See more about this project featured in the current issue of Tucson Lifestyle magazine article 'One To Grow On' by going to our website and clicking the 'Publications' tab and then selecting 'August 2025'.

Also check out our latest YouTube video where you can watch us build this project! Go to [SundreaDesignBuild.com](https://www.SundreaDesignBuild.com), click 'YouTube Videos' and select 'Tucson Outdoor Kitchen and Garden Oasis' or go directly to our YouTube channel at [YouTube.com/SundreaDesignBuild](https://www.YouTube.com/SundreaDesignBuild). Be sure to like the video and share it on your social media.

