



Deck Design Guide

Every successful backyard project begins with inspiration



Low maintainance, Higher Quality is our specialty



How To Start Planning Your Outdoor Project:

Here are a few things to consider while you plan your dream outdoor space:

- ◆ **Size & Use:** How do you want to use your deck? Do you plan to do a lot of grilling and entertaining? Or do you just want a small, backyard sanctuary to soak up some sun? How you plan to use your deck will play a role in determining its size and scale.
- ◆ **Budget:** Do you have a set budget in mind? Determining a budget for your investment will play a major role in the size and layout of your deck, or extra features you want to incorporate. We will work with you and make suggestions to keep the project within budget.
- ◆ **Maintenance & Materials:** We believe low maintenance products are the only way to go! Low maintenance material will keep you from having to maintain your deck allowing you to enjoy your deck. Fade-resistant, rot-resistant, and termite-proof, composite decking requires comparatively less maintenance than wood decking. We will make recommendations and guide you through the selection process so that you are able to use the best products on the market.
- ◆ **Obtaining Proper Permits:** In most cases, yes, we will need a permit to build a deck. While adding a deck to a home can increase the value—and enjoyment—of your home, not pulling the proper permits can be a problem if you ever choose to sell. Decks need to be built better than the interior of your home. Deck structures are a gathering place for you and your family and most used for entertainment when the family or neighbors are over. There are many building codes for decks and your project must meet or exceed building codes.
- ◆ **Timing:** The amount of time it takes to build a deck varies based on a number of factors, including: the size, shape and components of your deck, weather, add on's during a project. We recommend planning well in advance. For instance, if you want to enjoy your deck during spring and summer months, you'll want to start the process in early fall to early winter usually. Demand differs from year to year but starting the process well in advance ensures that there is enough time for planning your dream project. Weather conditions may also impact the timing start of your project. We will keep you in the loop with any changes or delays. Typically, once we start a project all of our attention is on that project until it's completed.

Our backyard decks and porches are complimented perfectly with top-of-the-line outdoor living products, firepits, and outdoor kitchens. We are renowned for our patio and decks because we build 100% unique showpieces decks, tailored to our customer's vision and we never compromise on quality. In either our building and installation process or with the materials and outdoor living products we use, everything is crafted to last for years to come. When you partner with the All Decked Out, you get the best.

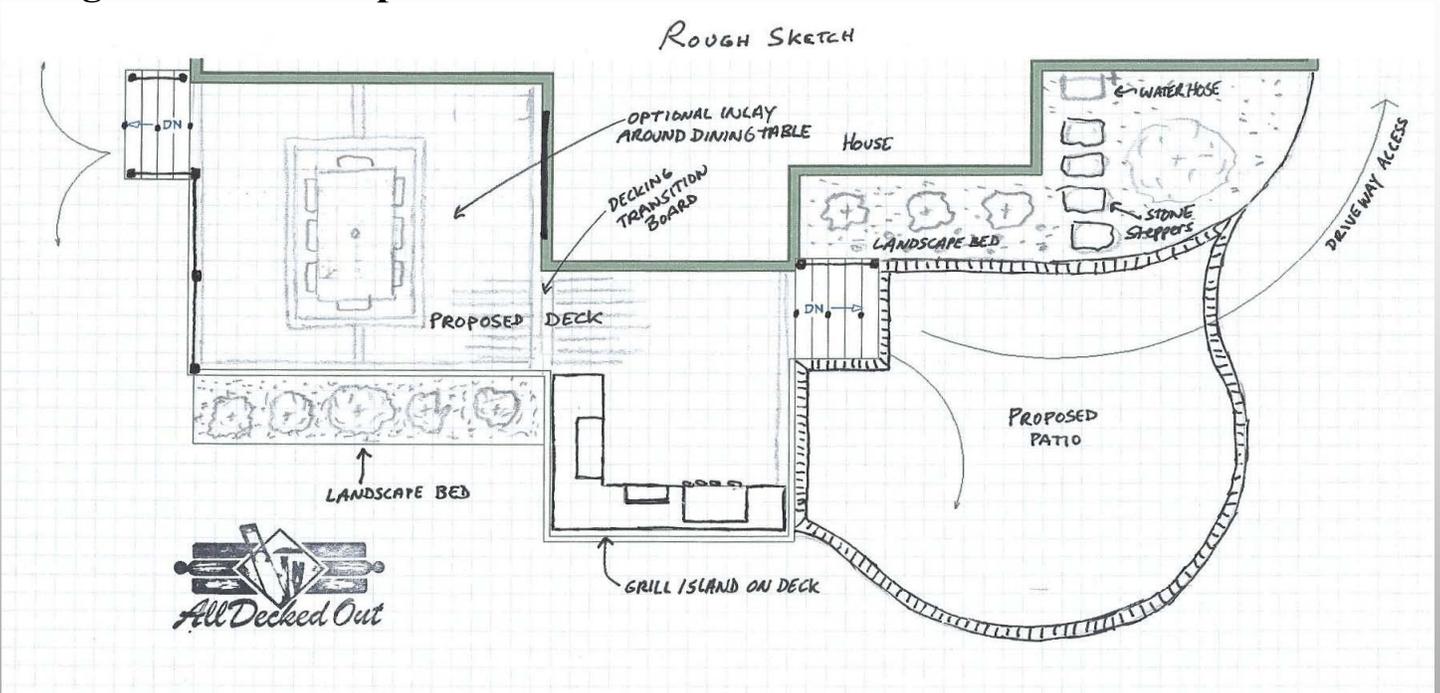


At All Decked Out, we take great pride in designing low maintenance and functional backyard spaces. Proper planning of how you will use your entire backyard will be taken into consideration during the design phase.

Design Considerations

- ◆ How large of a space will you need. We recommend sticking with lumber sizes to help maximize your investment.
- ◆ How will you use the space? Do you wish to host large family outdoor living room space or host cookouts ? Or both? It is important to think ahead so you build a large enough space to do all you want to do!
- ◆ Is child safety a concern? Or will it need to accomodate handicap access? Pets usage?
- ◆ Think about what kind of furniture you will have or our planning on having and where the pieces will they need to be placed. What size table, grilling stations, bar tops, and soft seating arrangements.
- ◆ Consider traffic flow - always look at furniture placement, how that will affect getting from the exit of the home out to the yard so that also requires thought of proper placement of stair cases. The area in front of doors and steps are designated for foot traffic.
- ◆ Are there any obstacles in the way? Plumbing vents, ban board/home height, AC units and other utility items, etc.
- ◆ Are there any property lines or set back requirements that may effect the design?
- ◆ Landscaping and future backyard plans? How will this project flow with future projects?
- ◆ Privacy concerns? We have a lot of unique options to share with you to offer you a backyard you are comfortable in!
- ◆ Consider the direction of the sun in the evening (what times of day vs. when will you most likely to host/use the space and does that need to cause you to consider shade options? Is a shade structure needed?
- ◆ Views? If you have a great view you may want to upgrade your railing for a glass or cable rail system to be able to take it all in better, afterall that is probably a huge reason why you choose your lot in the first place!
- ◆ The fun part! Choosing materials and colors should be fun not stressful so start by looking at your existing home exterior, colors and your interior style and dream from there...

Rough Sketch Example



DECKING MATERIALS

At All Decked Out, we use the best proven products on the market. While Deckorators Voyage is our top pick for decking, we also install Trex, Azek, TimberTech, Fiberon and many exotic hardwoods such as Ipe. Decking is something you do not want to compromise on. You will want a great product that will last the test of time and that has a great warranty. Many people today are also looking for low maintenance as well therefore our top picks of all offers that important feature. There are many options and color combinations to choose from. Some projects may have transition boards or custom inlays to add a unique touch to your project and to be able to utilize the products in a way that will help keep the costs down. Some clients choose to keep it more clean and simple with just one color. Some like to contrast with a different color borders and really the possibilities are endless so come and get creative with our designers! It's all about your personal style shining through in your home. If this part feels overwhelming, do not worry! We are able to help guide you through design, style, color selections during the planning process. Our expert team will walk you through our selection process. We are not just your builder, we are your partners in your outdoor dreams! We strive to make the process fun and hassle-free so that you stay excited for the end results.



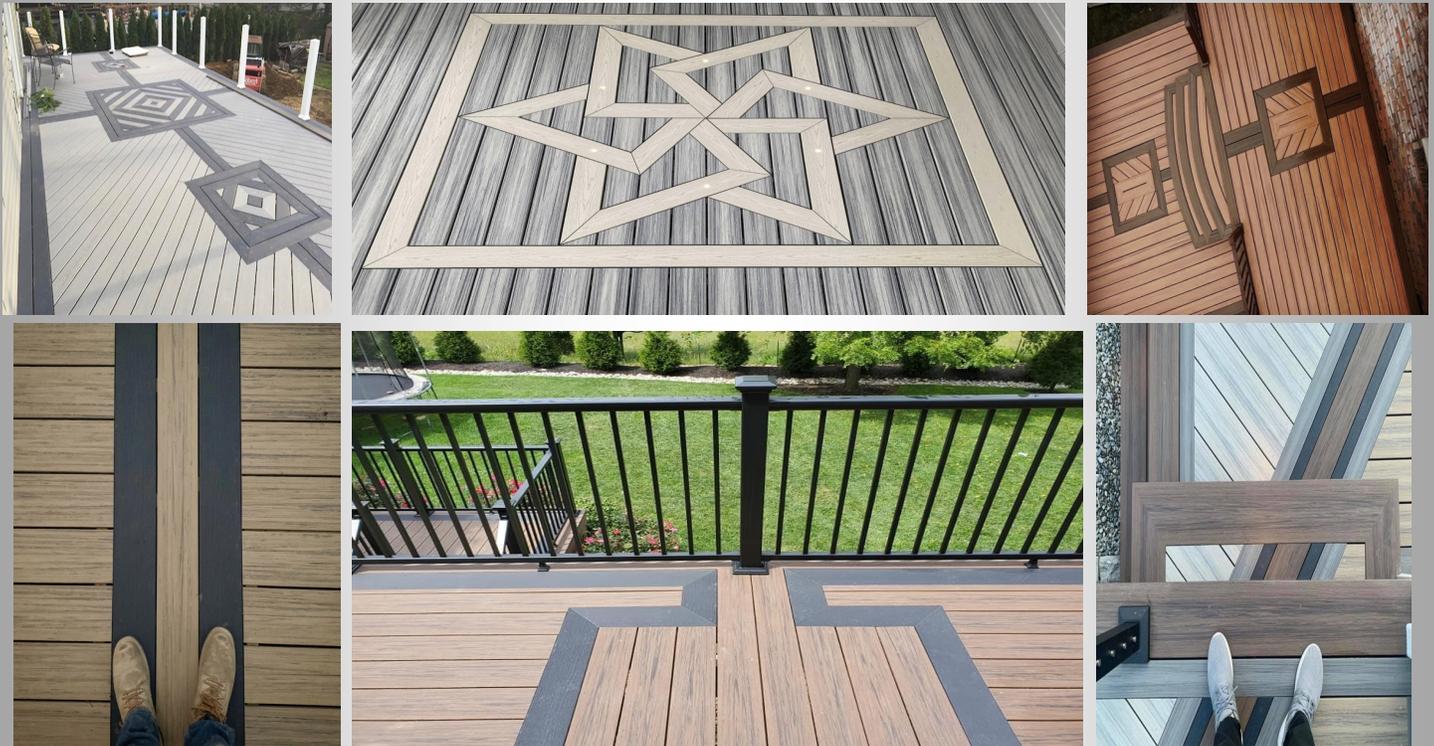
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Mitered Stair Treads



Custom Inlays and Transition Boards



Deck Skirting

Composite deck skirting is a way to add a decorative touch to your project. If you have a raised deck and don't want the undercarriage of your deck exposed and become home to critters this is a surefire way to enhance the beauty of your deck while addressing those issues. We typically recommend using decking whether that is composite decking as pictured in these examples, because we have found many times, PVC plastic or even wood lattice is known to warp and bows with our seasons and nobody wants to spend the time staining and replacing lattice. Our signature vertical composite skirting sure is worth the investment. Skirting can also be installed horizontally.



Deck Fascia

Tiered Fascia Style



Standard Fascia w/ Vertical Seam Trim



Tiered Fascia Style w/ Finished Posts and Beams



The photo above shows painting the posts and beams black to match the railing system above make for a great photo finish project.

Fascia is the material that covers the decks front framing board. This piece of material can be the same color as the decking or you can contrast. Fascia does not have to be boring. We offer several unique custom styles and colors.

Deck Board Fascia w/ Vertical Block Combo (Both Images Below)



Standard Deck Fascia Pictured (Both Images Below)



Railing Options to Consider



Railings are one way to make a statement on your deck. There are many options to choose from, many of them pictured here to see. These are a great way to add the additional design aspect to your outdoor room that can give you an opportunity to express your home style. We only install high quality, low maintenance, railing systems. Our most popular railing system is a traditional black aluminum Preferred brand and Keylink Railing. Railings are the most visible part of your deck. Consider color, style, view, privacy, and material all when making a decision your railing.





DECK LIGHTING

Deck lighting adds a whole new dimension to your outdoor space. Being able to use your deck or patio after the sun goes down is the best time to enjoy your space. It's much cooler in the evening and a great time to gather with friends and family. We offer a wide variety of lighting packages suited for any budget. This is one upgrade you sure do not want to miss out on!



Turn your backyard into an oasis by adding a roof structure. We are not only well known for our high quality decks but are also have a great reputation for our custom roofs, patios, fireplaces and outdoor kitchen's. When adding a deck or patio with a porch over it, you are adding another room onto your home and we guarantee it will be your favorite room of your home.



Popular Add-On Features:

Can include ceiling fans, can lights, chandeliers, electric heaters, fireplaces, and outdoor kitchens. Really the possibilities are endless! However, proper planning can save money on the front end so think now vs. later on what you might want. Also ensuring that your finishing it all off with beautiful, stylish, high quality furniture will make for a relaxing oasis, ask about all these features as well!



WHEN IT COMES TO PRIVACY, THINK BEYOND ORDINARY



Upgrade Your Framing

Joist Tape

This is a fairly inexpensive upgrade that would be added to the top of your deck framing to prolong the life of your deck framing. Adding joist tape can add roughly 5-10 years of life to the framing of your deck structure. This is one upgrade to not forget!



ProWood Kiln Dried (KDAT)

Kiln Dried for stability and lower weight. ProWood® Kiln Dried After Treatment (KDAT) has all the weather-beating durability you demand from treated wood, yet it's dried in a kiln, which reduces shrinking and warping. You'll not only find it's easy to cut, but you can stain or seal it immediately. This is robust, reliable lumber you can count on for lifetime protection against termites and decay, as well as dimensional stability. Benefits include:

- Compatibility with aluminum and carbon steel (black iron) fasteners
- Lower weight for improved handling and easy installation
- Pre-shrinks the inevitable width and thickness drop due to moisture loss
- Finished panel thickness is closer to final result



Fortress Steel Framing

The decking and railing you just selected is engineered to last 25+ years; so, why are you using wood framing that will most likely not live up to the test of that timeframe? Think Steel instead! Let us share more about Fortress Evolution steel deck framing. It's a smarter galvanized steel system designed by deck builders, for clients that want to see their decks worth the money they spend for many years to come! The interlocking joist and ledger system allows us to build you a more sturdy, safer deck. The powder-coated finish provides increased corrosion resistance and a more finished look. Ask us about this option before you make your final selections to see if it is a good fit for your project.

