

OUTDOOR LIVING

DESIGN GUIDE

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YOUR BACKYARD, THOUGHTFULLY DESIGNED.

A guide to planning a space that feels like a natural extension of your home.



Start with how you want to live outdoors. Then bring the layout, structure, materials and finishing details together with guidance from our design + build team.

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FROM FIRST IDEAS TO OUTDOOR LIVING.

Our process guides design, selections and construction planning, one step at a time.

01 START YOUR PROJECT

Complete the Fit Check, then the Project Questionnaire if we are a good fit. Share your goals, property details and vision.

02 AT-HOME DESIGN CONSULTATION

We visit your home to discuss layout, site conditions and investment. The $150 consultation fee is credited when you move forward.

03 AGREEMENT & DESIGN COMMITMENT

Your signed agreement and retainer secure your place in the design and construction schedule. Detailed design work begins.

04 DESIGN DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING

We refine your layout and prepare drawings, structural coordination and the foundation for permitting and selections.

05 COLLABORATIVE SELECTIONS

Meet with our team in the showroom to choose materials, finishes and details with drawings and professional guidance.

06 FINAL PREPARATION & SCHEDULING

We finalize materials, place orders, secure permits and provide an estimated construction start window.

07 CONSTRUCTION

Our crews focus on your project from start to finish, with consistent communication and progress updates.

08 ENJOY YOUR SPACE

After completion and the final walk-through, your outdoor living space is ready to enjoy.

HOW PROJECT SCHEDULING WORKS

Projects enter the schedule in the order signed agreements and retainers are received. Start dates are estimated; weather and project complexity can affect timing.

When our design/build expert comes to you, you can share inspiration photos, furniture ideas and an investment range for your project.

DESIGN AROUND THE WAY YOU LIVE.

Think about your entire backyard, including the spaces and features you may add later.



EVERYDAY USE

Dining, relaxing, cooking or entertaining? List your must-haves and the number of people you typically host.

FURNITURE & MOVEMENT

Plan table sizes, seating and grill locations. Keep doorways, stairs and paths comfortable and clear.

SITE & ACCESS

Consider utilities, grade changes, property setbacks, pets, children and accessibility needs.

SUN, VIEWS & PRIVACY

Think about when you use the space, where shade is needed and which views you want to preserve.

STYLE & MATERIALS

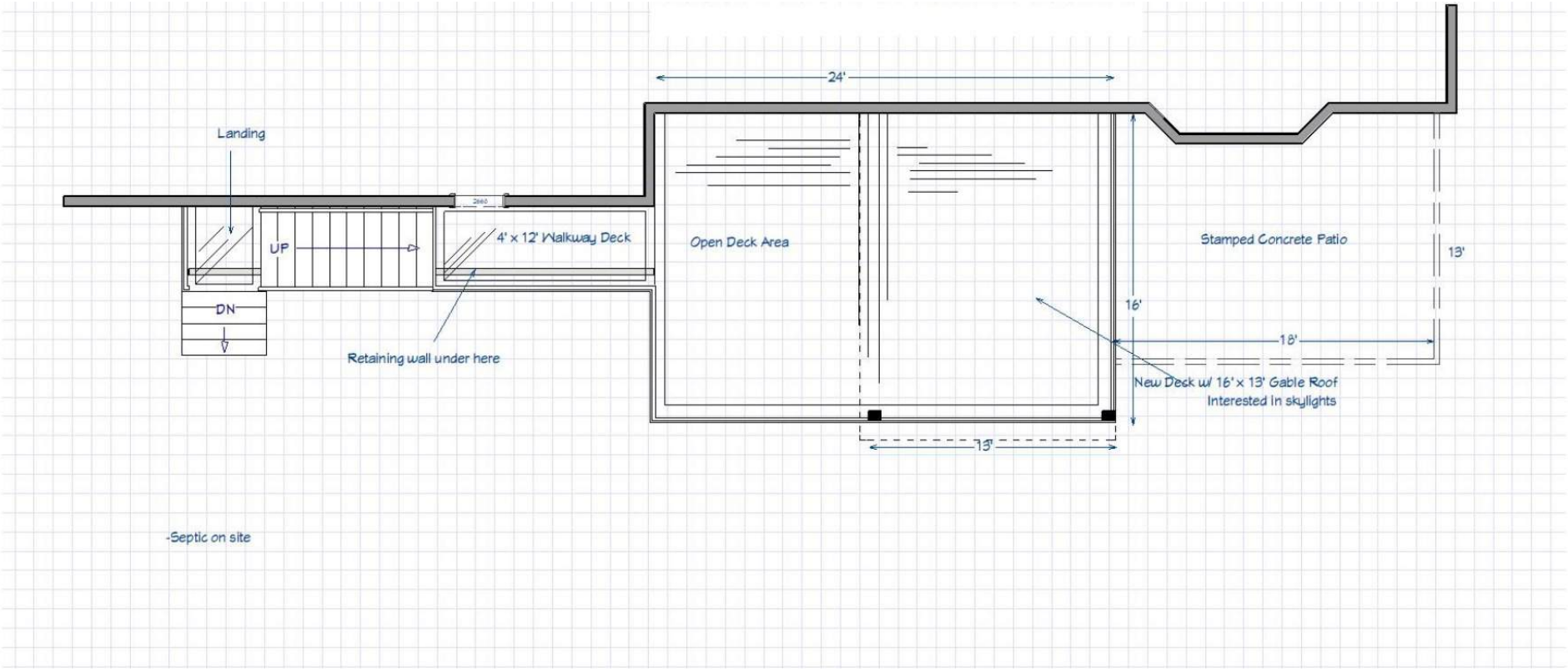
Use your home’s exterior and interior style to guide colors, textures and finish choices.

FUTURE PLANS

Discuss future roofs, kitchens, lighting and landscaping early so the design can account for them.

SEE THE LAYOUT TAKE SHAPE.

A concept sketch connects your ideas to the site before the detailed design is developed.



Example only: this sketch explores an open deck, a covered area, a connecting walkway and a stamped concrete patio. Dimensions and notes describe this example, not a construction plan for your home.

THE ANATOMY OF YOUR DECK.

Use these terms as you review drawings, compare finishes and make selections.





1 TOP RAIL & POST CAP
The top edge and finishing cap of the railing.

2 RAIL POSTS & BALUSTERS
The vertical members of the railing system.

3 FASCIA
Finish material covering the outer deck framing.

4 SKIRTING
Typically composite fascia installed vertically or horizontally.

5 ACCESS & AIRFLOW
Plan access gates and ventilation gaps.

6 STAIR TREADS & RISERS
Walking surfaces and vertical stair faces.

7 BORDER & FIELD DECKING
The perimeter boards and main deck surface.

A GREAT DECK STARTS UNDERNEATH.

Choose a structure that supports your design, site conditions and long-term goals.





PAINTED WOOD FRAMING / FINISHED UNDERSIDE

KDAT WOOD FRAMING

Kiln-dried-after-treatment lumber is the upgraded wood option. Drying helps improve stability and reduce shrinkage, warping and twisting compared with typical wet treated lumber.

JOIST TAPE PROTECTION

An optional layer over framing members helps protect against trapped moisture and seal around fastener penetrations. Discuss butyl or premium acrylic / G-tape options with our team.

WOOD-FREE COMPOSITE FRAMING

Owens Corning black composite framing offers a clean appearance beneath the deck, with resistance to rot, mildew and pests. It is an option for clients prioritizing a wood-free structure and low maintenance.

PREMIUM STRUCTURE OPTIONS.

Match the framing system to the span, elevation, loads and finished appearance of your project.





TIMBERTECH ALUMINUM

A lightweight, dimensionally stable framing option with a clean black finish. Consider it for elevated decks and projects where a wood-free structure and finished underside are priorities.

FORTRESS STEEL

A powder-coated steel system offering strength and design flexibility. Consider it for complex layouts, elevated structures and projects with demanding span or load requirements.

CHOOSE THE SYSTEM AS PART OF THE DESIGN

Our team will review your layout, site conditions, budget and structural requirements before recommending a framing system. Joist spacing, connections and spans must follow the selected system’s requirements and the approved project design.

PLENTY OF OPTIONS. FIND YOUR FIT.

These are a few of our recommended options. We can help you explore other decking products, too.

BEST VALUE

DECKORATORS SUMMIT

Strengths: Surestone mineral-based core; ground/water-contact eligible; lightweight with reliable traction.

Consider: Simpler grain and color package, fewer custom-width choices and shorter warranty coverage than Voyage.

$ Value

REALISTIC WOOD LOOK

EVA-LAST PIONEER

Strengths: Scanned hardwood imagery with deep grain and color variation for a surface inspired by Ipe or aged hardwood.

Consider: Follow product-specific care and installation rules. Normal wear and scuffs are excluded from the warranty.

$$$$ Premium specialty

ADO SIGNATURE

DECKORATORS VOYAGE

Strengths: Surestone mineral-based core; enhanced wet/dry traction; varied widths for custom patterns; ground/water-contact eligible.

Consider: A premium investment with a modern woodgrain look. Warranty reimbursement requires an approved claim.

$$$ Premium

ENGINEERED FLEXIBILITY OR TRUE PVC?

Two premium alternatives with different construction, appearance and warranty considerations.

LUXURY ENGINEERING

EVA-LAST APEX PLUS

Strengths: Reinforced bamboo/PVC core, reduced movement, natural dual-tone variation and wide boards. Selected approved uses allow 24-inch on-center support spacing.

Consider: Product-specific fastening and gapping requirements apply. Lead times may vary.

$$$$ Luxury

PREMIUM PVC

WOLF SERENITY

Strengths: High-density cellular PVC with low water absorption, reversible boards and a broad color collection. A lightweight option for moisture-exposed settings where approved.

Consider: Single standard board width. Surface wear and scratches can occur; installation and care guidance still apply.

$$$ Premium PVC

Investment symbols are relative comparisons from the supplied decking guide, not project prices. Availability, colors and approved applications may change. Confirm the selected product and installation requirements with our team.

KNOW WHAT YOUR WARRANTY COVERS.

Product coverage, stain-and-fade protection and replacement labor are separate questions.

PRODUCT	RESIDENTIAL COVERAGE SNAPSHOT	REMOVAL / REINSTALLATION
Deckorators Summit	25-year structural; 25-year stain & fade.	No built-in standard provision.
Eva-Last Pioneer	50-year limited product, fade & stain; prorated later.	Removal, disposal, freight and reinstallation excluded.
Deckorators Voyage	50-year structural; 25-year stain & fade.	25-year prorated removal & replacement for approved claims.
Eva-Last Apex PLUS	50-year limited manufacturing, fade & stain.	Labor, freight, taxes, removal and reinstallation excluded.
Wolf Serenity	Limited lifetime product; 50-year stain & fade.	Not standard. Wolf PRO advertises a separate 5-year extended labor program.

PRODUCT COVERAGE + ADO SUPPORT

Manufacturer material coverage is separate from the ADO Limited Outdoor Living Warranty. See the next page for ADO coverage terms and how our team supports you after the build.

Manufacturer summaries above follow the supplied decking comparison guide. These are limited warranties, not blanket guarantees. Review current written terms, eligibility, registration requirements, proration and claim procedures for your selected products. Confirm any Wolf PRO labor eligibility in writing.

CONFIDENCE, BUILT IN.

Your project. Our craftsmanship. Long-term support.

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YEAR	YEAR	YEAR	YEAR	YEAR
DECK WORKMANSHIP	WOOD-FRAME STRUCTURAL	PREMIUM FRAME STRUCTURAL + WORKMANSHIP	ROOFS + OUTDOOR LIVING FEATURES	CONCRETE + PATIO WORK

UNDERSTANDING THE 15-YEAR TERM

The 15-year term applies only to steel, aluminum or structural composite framing systems and their structural framing connections. Decking, railing, fascia, stairs and accessories retain their applicable coverage.

SUPPORT AFTER YOUR BUILD

For manufacturer and specialty-trade claims, ADO provides coordination and documentation support. If an issue is not covered, we still want the opportunity to inspect it and provide a repair proposal.

Warranty summary only. Coverage is subject to the complete ADO Limited Outdoor Living Warranty, signed proposal, project scope, exclusions, maintenance requirements and applicable law. The complete warranty controls if this summary differs.

MAKE THE SURFACE YOUR OWN.

Borders, transitions and inlays can give your deck a distinctive rhythm and finish.





CUSTOM PATTERNS

Explore inlays, transition boards and contrasting borders as part of the layout.



FINISHED STAIRS

Discuss mitered treads, riser finishes and how the stair detail meets the border.

FINISH THE SPACE BELOW.

Skirting helps the deck feel complete and connects the structure to the landscape.







VERTICAL OR HORIZONTAL

Composite fascia is typically installed vertically or horizontally to complement the home and deck.

PLAN FOR ACCESS

Discuss access gates, airflow and the areas below the deck that need to remain reachable.

GIVE THE EDGE A FINISHED LOOK.

Fascia covers the outer framing and creates a deliberate edge around the deck.







SIMPLE OR LAYERED

Compare standard fascia, tiered profiles and deck-board details with vertical trim.

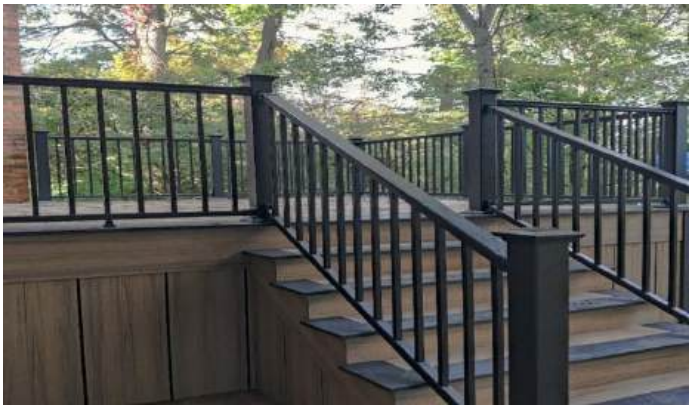
COORDINATE THE UNDERSIDE

Consider the colors and finishes of exposed posts and beams along with the fascia.

FRAME THE VIEW.

Railing is one of the most visible design elements of your outdoor space.







STYLE & SIGHTLINES

Compare aluminum balusters, cable and glass options for the look and view you want.

DESIGN AS A SYSTEM

Review color, post style, stairs, gates and privacy needs with the selected railing system.

STAY A LITTLE LONGER.

Low-voltage lighting offers endless ways to enhance any outdoor space. Our preferred brands are TruScapes and in-lite.







LAYERS OF LIGHT

Discuss stair, post and accent lighting alongside fixtures for covered areas.

PLAN EARLY

Coordinate wiring, controls and electrical needs before construction is underway.

AN OUTDOOR ROOM TO CALL YOUR OWN.

A roof structure brings the deck, patio and home together as a more complete living space.





COMFORT & FUNCTION

Explore fans, ceiling lights, heaters, fireplaces and outdoor kitchens.



SCREENED PORCHES

Explore screened enclosures, doors and finishes alongside the roof design and furniture layout.

FIND YOUR BALANCE OF SUN AND SHADE.

Compare a covered porch, fixed pergola or adjustable louvered roof for the way you use the space.











LOUVERED OR FIXED

Adjustable louvers offer flexibility; fixed structures provide a consistent architectural look.

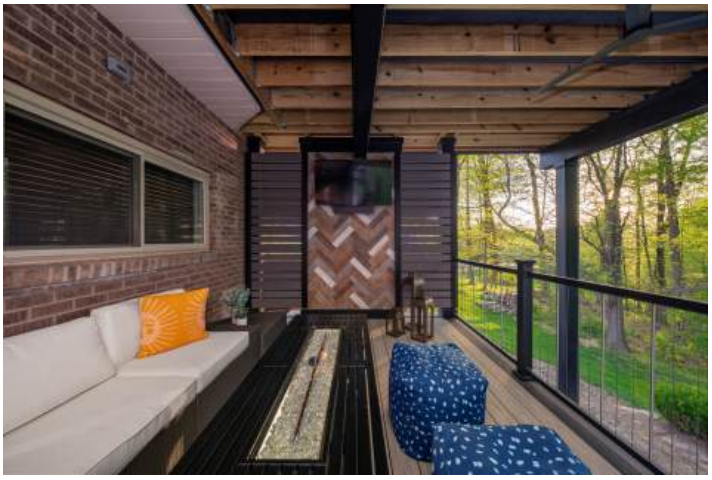
DISCUSS WEATHER PROTECTION

Review each system's shade, drainage and weather limitations before selecting it.

MAKE ROOM FOR PRIVACY.

Screens and architectural details can define a comfortable space without closing off the whole yard.















FOCUS THE SCREENING

Identify neighboring views, seating areas and the places where privacy matters most.

MATCH YOUR HOME

Explore decorative panels, horizontal details and screens as part of the overall design.

BRING YOUR IDEAS. WE'LL GUIDE THE DETAILS.

Use this checklist to prepare for your design and selections conversations.

- [ ] How we will use the space and how many people it should fit
- [ ] Furniture sizes, grill or kitchen plans, and traffic flow
- [ ] Investment range and the features that matter most
- [ ] Framing system and any joist-tape upgrade
- [ ] Decking product, color, border and pattern
- [ ] Railing style, stair details, fascia and skirting
- [ ] Lighting, shade, privacy and future additions
- [ ] Written scope, selected products and warranty documents

LET'S START YOUR PROJECT.

Complete the Fit Check and Project Questionnaire online. Showroom visits are by appointment.

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