

DAY'S END

Focus on good design and clever construction

Outdoor Living, Supersized

by Brendon Knight

My family has owned and operated Paradise Decking in Summerfield, N.C., for 20 years. At 3,700 square feet, this project was our biggest to date, taking three and a half months start to finish and costing close to \$400,000 with paint and electric. Most of what you see here we built with pressure-treated pine, though the flooring and some of the trim is cellular PVC. The complex includes an outdoor kitchen; a hot tub with cantilevered benches on three sides; a walkway, with an exposed-framed ceiling, connecting the portico with the adjoining house; and a sunroom addition off the back of the house that opens onto a country-style porch overlooking the kitchen area. In addition, down by the pool is a freestanding porch with a massive masonry fireplace. We subbed out the electric, travertine pavers, masonry, granite countertops, and painting; our company did all the excavation, drainage, and construction, custom-building everything from stock materials.

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