

RESIDENTIAL LANDSCAPE DESIGN OUTDOOR LIVING

OVER \$250,000



Before



After

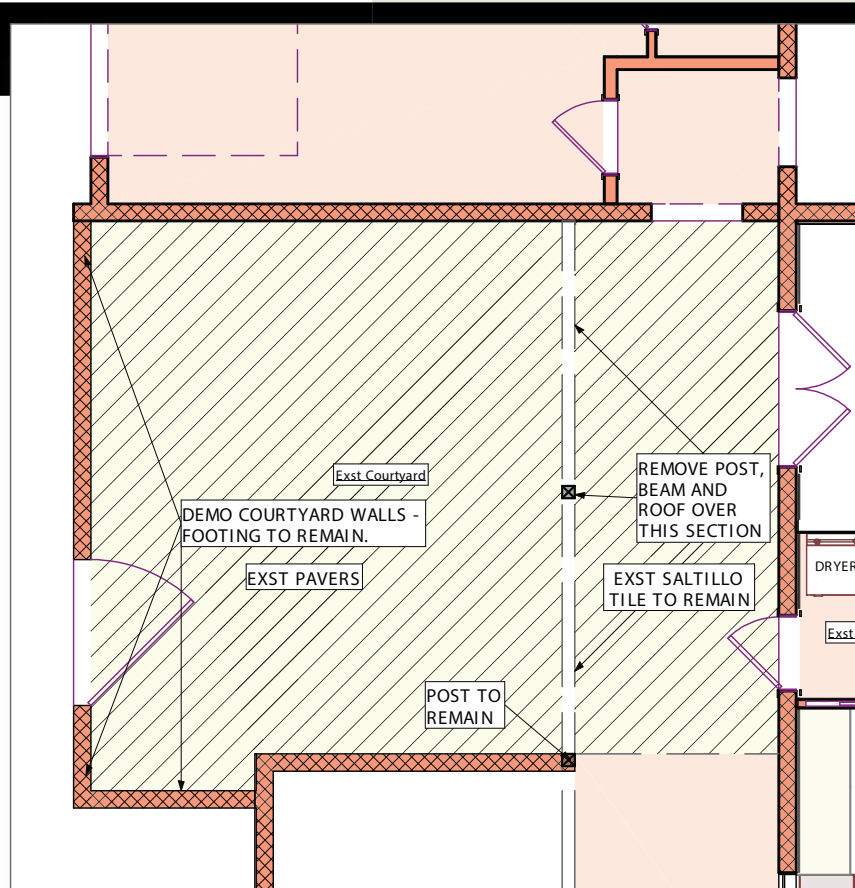


Before

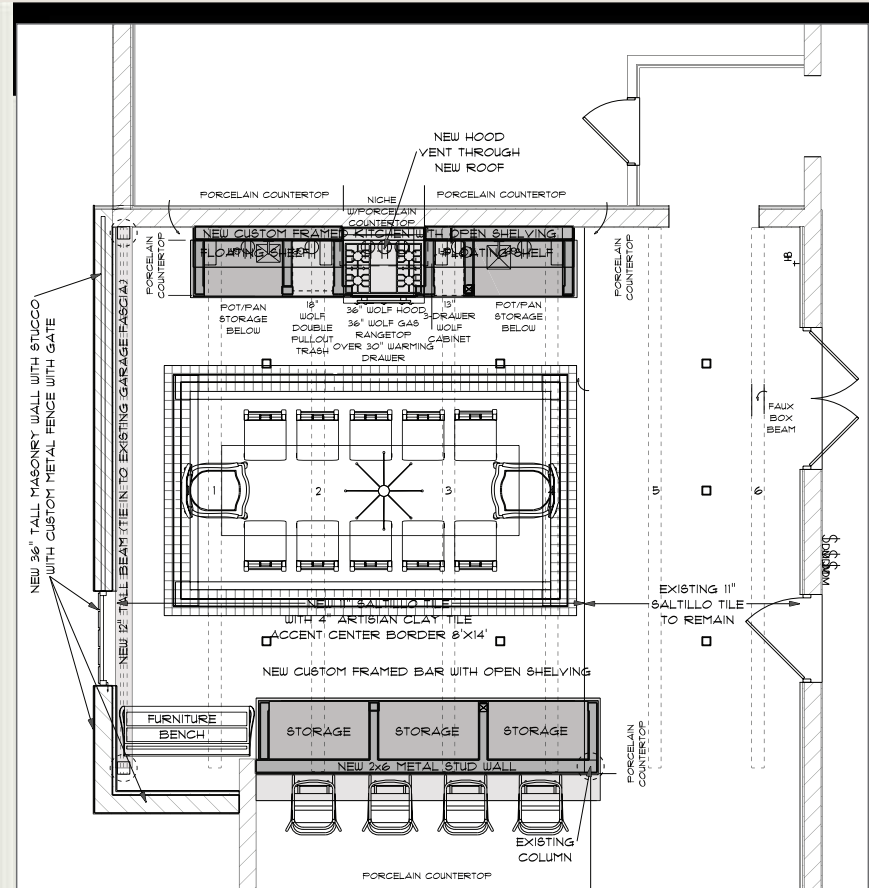


After





AS-BUILT



NEW PLAN



CLIENT WISH LIST

01

Transform an aging patio into a vibrant outdoor Hacienda kitchen

02

Create a covered area for year-round entertainment and protection from the elements

03

Integrate a smooth Santa Fe stucco finish

04

Reflect the client's deep connection to her Mexican heritage



AESTHETICS

This outdoor kitchen design was inspired by the wife's hometown of Axochiapan, Mexico, featuring handmade clay tiles, Saltillo flooring, and colorful inlays that celebrate her cultural roots. A custom mosaic of Axochiapan's coat of arms serves as the heart of the space, adding meaning and artistry. Vintage corbels, rustic wood shelving, and porcelain-clad cabinetry complement one another beautifully, while a smooth Santa Fe stucco finish unifies the new kitchen with the home's exterior and the board-and-batten detailing, create a seamless connection to the property's overall architectural character.

Handmade colorful clay tile inlays
Saltillo flooring
Custom mosaic mural backsplash
Vintage corbels
Rustic wood finishes including open shelving
Smooth Santa Fe stucco
Layered copper and iron metals



FUNCTIONALITY

This outdoor entertainment space was designed around the wife's cooking rituals and cultural heritage, featuring a gas cooktop in place of a grill and a warming drawer for tortillas. Custom porcelain-clad cabinetry and counter-tops provides durability and timeless appeal, while integrated storage keeps surfaces clean and functional. A covered seating area allows for year-round enjoyment, enhanced by dimmable layered lighting like copper sconces and a black iron chandelier. A custom decorative metal railing and gate add both charm and protection from desert wildlife.

Gas cooktop and vent hood

Warming drawer, pull-out trash and utensil drawers

Covered seating area for year-round use

Layered, dimmable lighting

Lotus chain downspouts

Climate-tolerant porcelain slab cabinets and counter-tops

Custom decorative metal railing and gate

Before





After



After



New gutters

The old, worn-out gutters were replaced with a new ones to better manage water runoff. To elevate both function and style, a lotus rain chain was added, transforming a practical drainage solution into a beautiful design feature that will integrate seamlessly with future landscaping.

Designing a new roof structure over the existing patio required removing a section of the metal shed roof over the surrounding walkway that was wrapped around the back of the house, including its well-built oak framing. The team aimed to preserve and re-purpose the beautiful oak beam, an effort that demanded careful dismantling, milling, and integration into the new roof columns.

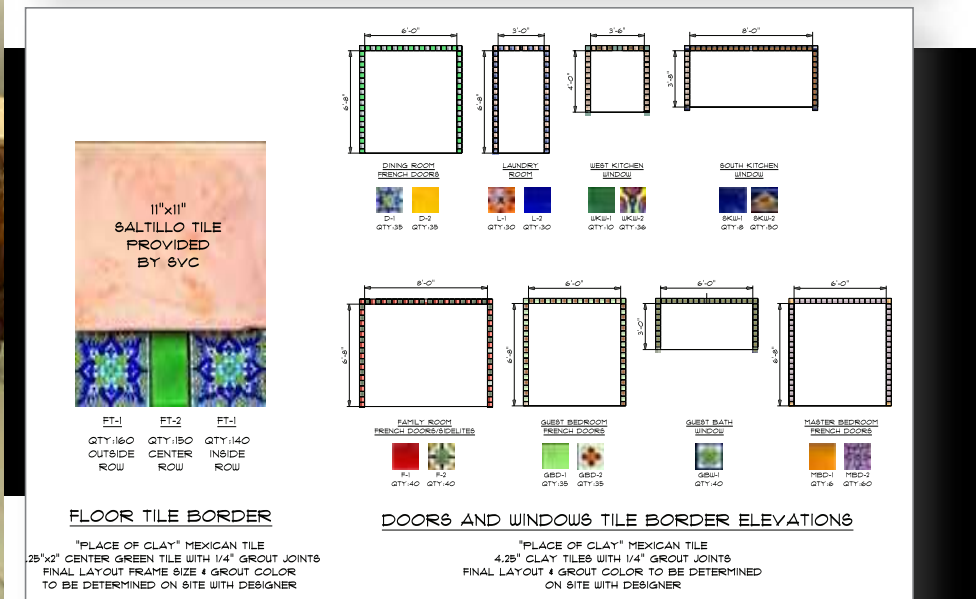
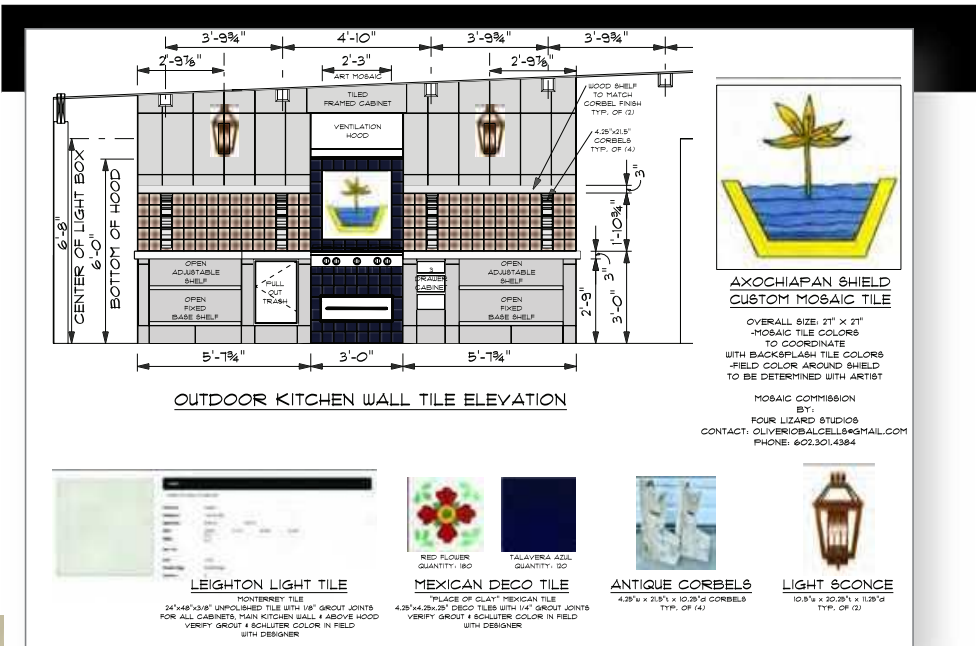
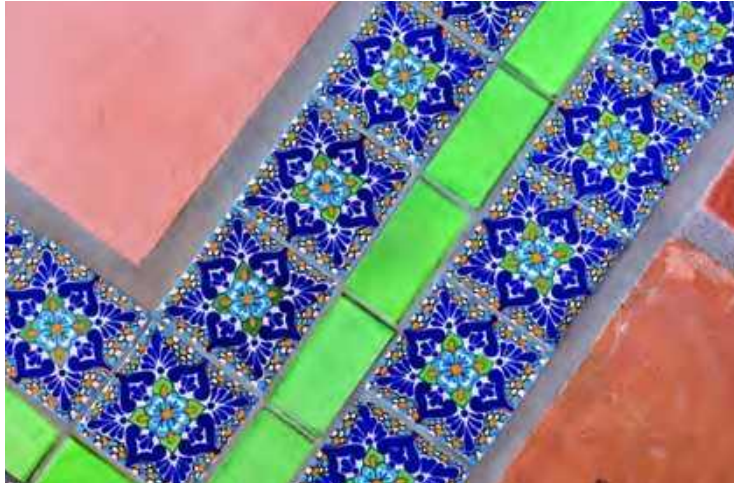


Re-purposed oak beams

Mid-Construction

Before

After



Mid-Construction

Precision craftsmanship was crucial in aligning handmade 4x4 tiles, each slightly varied in size, with the 4-inch-wide corbels along the backsplash. The designer prepared a detailed tile layout drawing and worked on-site with the tile setter during installation to ensure a flawless fit between all handcrafted elements.

After



In order to install a gas cooktop and warming drawer, a creative gas line solution avoided costly excavation by routing a new line across the home's flat roof and down the new backsplash wall, a smart collaboration between designer and plumber that balanced cost, efficiency, and aesthetics.



Custom pressure-treated wood cabinets were framed and clad in porcelain tile inside and out, topped with Calacatta Gold Satin porcelain slab countertops, a durable, low-maintenance choice for the desert climate.



After

The design also achieved a seamless architectural integration by aligning the new roof structure with the home's existing garage rafter tail overhang and incorporating board-and-batten detailing consistent with other areas of the property. Using Simpson Strong-Ties, we concealed hardware rather than exposing straps and preserved a clean and cohesive architectural expression.



After



Mid-Construction





After



Digital Rendering



The completed Outdoor Hacienda Kitchen beautifully unites culture, craftsmanship, and comfort. What was once a cracked, uneven patio with a dying olive tree is now a lively, shaded retreat where the wife can honor her grandmother's recipes, entertain loved ones, and celebrate her heritage. Her emotional reaction, from tears of joy at the proposal to pride at completion, said it all. The new space captures the spirit of her hometown, colorful, warm, and full of life, while meeting every functional need. Delighted with the result, the clients have now asked the team to extend the Santa Fe style to the rest of their home's exterior.





Every detail of this outdoor kitchen was crafted around the wife's cooking rituals and heritage, honoring tradition with a gas cooktop in place of a grill. Inspired by her hometown of Axochiapan, Mexico, it features handmade clay tiles, Saltillo flooring, and a custom mosaic of the city's coat of arms. Vintage corbels, rustic wood shelving, and weather-tolerant porcelain-clad cabinetry and counter-tops blend charm, durability, and functionality. Designed for year-round entertaining and to complement the home's architecture, while layered copper and iron lighting create a warm, inviting ambiance, uniting culture, craftsmanship, and heartfelt connection.

PROJECT SUMMARY