



2025 Quarter 2

We recently completed this project in the Catalina foothills, which includes a fire pit, extensive flagstone paving and areas for grilling, dining, entertaining & relaxing. The homeowners had just purchased the property and contacted us for ideas on how to improve their outdoor space.

The back patio consisted of a mix of gray concrete and red brick pavers, and had drainage issues. The brick pavers were removed and repurposed in the front courtyard and at a separate jobsite. Flagstone was introduced as a traditional southwest alternative. Instead of butting the flagstone up against the concrete, as was the case with the brick, we laid the flagstone directly over the top of it creating a more cohesive space. The randomness of the cuts balances nicely with the repetitive rectangular pattern of the block. Lighter tones in the flagstone soften the monochromatic red walls.

'Desert Brown' rock in the planting areas provides a transition between the red walls and peach colored flagstone, along with low-water-use plants such as Eremophila, Hesperaloe, Penstemon, Verbena, & Hymenoxys. Pineapple Guava shrubs will grow to provide height and soften the high vertical walls without disrupting the desert views. Subtle lighting of the Guavas creates dramatic shadows at night and balances with the light from the fire pit. Patio furniture and movable umbrellas for shade complete the space.

You can watch us build this project and see the final results by going to SundreaDesignBuild.com and clicking on the "YouTube Videos" tab or go directly to our YouTube channel at youtube.com/@SundreaDesignBuild.

This is the first of many videos we are planning. Two more are in production, and we look forward to sharing them later this year. Please feel free to share the YouTube video on your social media, with family & friends or forward this newsletter to anyone who may appreciate it.

