“Come over, we’re outside”. A phrase you are hearing more and more as people are turning to the outdoors for entertainment. Homeowners are now putting more time and effort into their own backyards. Whether you desire a pool, patio, deck, retaining wall, pergola, fireplace, outdoor kitchen or gardens, the sky is the limit.

Planning is essential when transforming your backyard. Going to the HBA Home Show is a great way to find ideas. Then look at the whole area and your overall plan to make sure it flows and will cover all your needs and wants. Hire a professional to ensure you get what you want and the project is done properly.

Breaking down your plan into manageable areas will help spread the cost out and leaves you with the ability to make changes as needed. Don’t be afraid to mix colors and textures. However, keep your design consistent with your home and other existing outdoor areas. You don’t want your new area to look like it fell out of the sky. Stake out the area with a garden hose and try out your area with some chairs to make sure it’s what you want.

Whether you enjoy entertaining large groups or just need a place to relax and unwind with family and friends, start planning your space ahead of time to ensure that you include exactly what you want. Clip photos of your favorite ideas to later develop into your plan.

Outdoor living spaces must be functional, safe, and suit the needs of the people who use them. Once you personalize your outdoor living space, you will not only gain an additional, pleasant living space, but you will also add value to your property.

It’s easy to enhance your outdoor living space. There are so many options available today. Now it’s more important than ever to enjoy your family and friends and to get back to the simple things in life. And what better way to spend your time than in your own oasis.