



Outdoor Oasis

Absolute Roofing and Construction

For Northeast Ohioans who want to get the most use out of their outdoor living spaces, a roof over the patio or deck is a must-have. North Ridgeville resident Paul Klein spent about three years gleaning inspiration for the outdoor living space he wanted to create at his home, and covering the existing patio and deck was step one.

“Every time we would go outside, it was either acorns falling or twirly birds or leaves falling,” Klein says. “I really just wanted to be able to sit outside and walk out from either my bedroom or the kitchen and have a totally covered area — essentially an outdoor living room.”

And that’s exactly what Chris Kamis and his team at Absolute Roofing and Construction created. Using custom-made cedar beams and 2.5-inch-thick tongue and groove pine for the ceiling, Absolute Roofing constructed a rustic, lodge-like awning to cover the existing patio and deck.

A whole-house roof was added as well to make sure everything flowed seamlessly. Ensuring that the new structure’s roof tied into the original roofline correctly proved challenging, Kamis says. The Absolute Roofing crew had to construct something called

a cricket to cover the area where the new roof meets the original roof to keep it watertight. “It was one of the most difficult details that we’ve ever dealt with as far as roofing in 28-plus years, but we put our heads together, and it came out perfect,” Kamis says.

In addition, stone was placed around the structure’s columns and on the chimney to match the stone walls in the backyard, which helped tie the whole area together.

Because the new structure’s roof blocked much of the natural light from entering the home’s kitchen and master bedroom, the team added four skylights, which weren’t part of the original plan. “We measured the amount of light coming in afterwards, and it increased it by 60 percent,” Kamis says.

Klein says the project has enhanced his property tremendously.

“We’ve got a flat-screen TV out there, a big fire pit out in the back so my kids can have an additional place to go and a place, obviously, for me, as well. That was really the goal — to have a place you can sit outside, even in the rain, or in the fall watching an Ohio State football game, and still be able to enjoy being outside,” he says. “It turned out way better than I ever expected.” — AMV

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