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**W**hen Lance and Cheryl Rygg met representatives of San Diego-based Marrokal Design & Remodeling at a home show, they hit it off immediately. The Ryggs were thinking about building an addition to their home in La Jolla, Calif., but after further reflection they decided they would get more use out of a cabana.

“We live outside; that’s our thing,” Cheryl says. “We wanted to do an outdoor living space where we could spend a lot of our time.”

The Ryggs have lived in their home for 14 years. Prior to the remodel, the large back yard included a swimming pool, a patio with an island for barbecuing, and a seating area shaded by a pop-up canopy. When the couple’s daughter and nephews were younger, it was their favorite place to hang out. “It was a problem when the kids would visit, because my daughter traveled in packs,” Cheryl says. “I’d have to go to my bedroom if I wanted privacy.”

She admits to wanting a lot out of the project; her wish list included a barbecue grill, sink, refrigerator, and bar area; a seating area with a TV set; and a dining space. And she got it. The new covered outdoor space is connected to the pool and serves as a family room, equipped with a fireplace, kitchenette, and various seating options. As Cheryl points out, “[The cabana] provides a whole other area where people can watch TV and have their own thing going.”

For Marrokal, the challenge was to properly integrate the freestanding structure with the house without having it look like

*Marrokal used exposed Douglas fir for the open ceiling and beams and construction-grade Douglas fir for the framing. The three-coat stucco finish matches the house. The cabana has a kitchenette, dining area, fireplace, and plenty of seating options.*

an afterthought, says Lori Bryan, vice president and chief operating officer. This was achieved by matching the cabana’s roof pitch as well as the roofing and siding materials to the existing home. “The new structure aligns with the home, which ultimately helps establish a relationship of an edge to the property,” Bryan says. Deep roof overhangs act as a passive cooling feature, and ceiling fans keep the air circulating.

## COMPANY SNAPSHOT

COMPANY: MARROKAL DESIGN & REMODELING

OWNER: GARY MARROKAL, PRESIDENT

LOCATION: SAN DIEGO

2013 SALES VOLUME: \$10.1 MILLION

PROJECTED 2014 SALES VOLUME: \$13 MILLION

