

aforementioned chandelier can be adjusted to set the mood. Because the Rygg residence is close to the ocean, Marrokal installed full-height, motorized retractable shades on the two west-facing openings to shield the structure from coastal winds.

Minimal demolition

Marrokal kept the demolition work to a minimum, removing only the existing barbecue island, two planters, and approximately 550 square feet of the patio slab. New concrete was poured for the base of the cabana.

There were some changes here and there, Cheryl says. For instance, the original design didn't have seating around the fireplace. "I said, 'Why not put a bench there?' We talked it out and decided it would work. It makes [the cabana seem] more like a room."

The fire pit, too, wasn't part of the initial design, but the large expanse of patio between the house and the cabana convinced her to add this feature. "[Marrokal was] really great about that," she says. "They tore out a planter bed underneath the kitchen window to build the fire pit. It was one of the best things we put in—it gives us another living space."

Cheryl added a layer of crushed, colored glass to the fire pit to make it glow. She did the same treatment for the fireplace in the cabana as well as the fireplaces inside the home.

No one has to fight for a seat in this cabana. In addition to the bench seating, there are stools at the bar, a sofa in front of the fireplace, and chairs around the dining table. The gas barbecue, TV set, and surround-sound system are all top of the line ("It's a guy thing," she says).

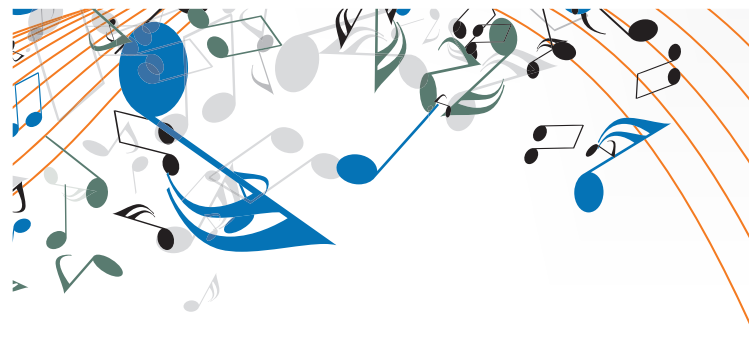
The Ryggs' daughter is presently away at college, but she and the nephews thoroughly enjoy the new "room" when they visit. "Everyone loves it," says Cheryl, adding that numerous friends and family members have built versions of the cabana for their own homes.

Not surprisingly, it's the most-often-used room in the Rygg home. "Every night when my husband comes home from work, he walks straight out there to watch the game," she says. "I think he's changed his address." **PR**

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