

Backyard Build-out

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Kristen and Doug Devlin had considered their Roman brick ranch in Dallas a starter home, but after a few years and one child, they found that the mature trees, huge yard and location made it a keeper. The house had three bedrooms, two baths, a kitchen, a living room and a dining room, plus what they called a formal sitting room. But the couple, both in their 30s, felt that they were running out of space.

“Our first challenge was even getting an architect or designer to consider the project,” says Kristen Devlin.

Before

