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A behemoth deck that isolated the house from the yard was removed in order to install a patio and firepit that is inviting and accessible.

Before



The original deck was dated, requiring extensive maintenance, and unusable. The team considered replacing the with low maintenance materials but the cost of composite decking lumber was not ideal. The deck had multiple levels that were too small to be usable. It had a privacy fence that blocked off the backyard, making both the deck and backyard seem small.

Before



The original deck extended way across the whole back of the house including the dining room. But because it was so broken up, there were portions of it that were unusable and others that were under utilized.

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The only stairway went toward the least used portion of the yard, and the kids area was in the opposite direction



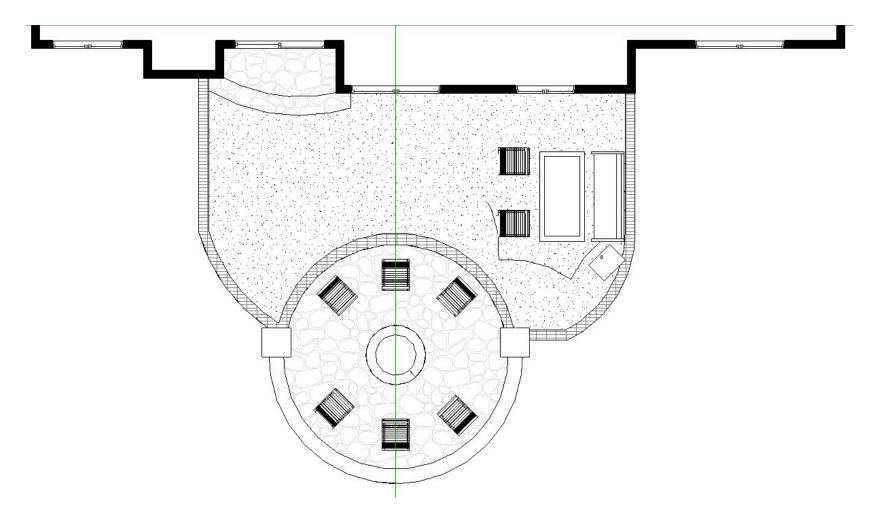
Stamped concrete was chosen because of its value, beauty and low maintenance. In addition, it allows for integration of a fire pit.



It was decided the new patio did not need to be quite as large as the original deck. The clients wanted to have additional lawn space so the patio ends at the corner of the kitchen rather than extending across the dining room.



Two different patterns were used on the patio. Fieldstone was on the stairs to the patio door and firepit area; Chiseled Slate for the balance of the patio. A brick soldier course was used at the borders.



Asymmetrical balance was used so that the firepit is centered on the dining room window, but the patio nestles between two building corners comfortably.



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