

# The Top 5 Small Landscaping Projects That Can Make a BIG Difference

*Local landscaper reveals the small projects increasingly popular in the Greater Prescott Area*

As the economy continues to struggle, homeowners are scaling back on big landscaping projects. Increasingly, Prescott-area homeowners are focusing on the small projects with the power to make a big difference in their quality of life.

According to Bruce DeFreitas of Sun Qi Designs, a local landscaper and designer since 2002, these are the top five projects that have proven popular with Prescott homeowners in the past few years.



## 1. Flagstone Patios

As household budgets tighten, the focus for many people has become less on travel and more on living the good life at home. A beautiful patio functions as a kind of outdoor room, making a cost-effective addition to any Prescott home.

Flagstone patios can be made to suit the dimensions of any outdoor space, and feature options for different hues of stone.

## 2. Courtyards with Fire Pits or Fireplaces

A focus on quality of life means a focus on friends and family, and Prescott's crisp nights call for backyard get-togethers around a cozy fire pit or fireplace. Typically enclosed by a small flagstone courtyard, fire pits and fireplaces provide a natural focus for outdoor gatherings. They can be either wood or gas burning.



## 3. Outdoor Kitchens

Nothing makes romantic outdoor dinners or summer parties more convenient than an outdoor kitchen. DeFreitas specializes in completely weather-proofed kitchen "islands" with built-in barbecues, counters and cupboards, all with an emphasis on fine craftsmanship. Counters can feature stonework and/or artistic tile, or can be constructed entirely of wood.