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For homeowners Brian Thornton of Erie, Colorado the blank canvas of his un-landscaped backyard was an opportunity to create a warm and inviting outdoor living space that he could enjoy with family and friends. The first step in the transformation was to decide how the space was going to be used. What kind of outdoor living did the Thornton’s need to fit their lifestyle? What kind of outdoor living did the Thornton’s need to fit their lifestyle? Since entertaining, cooking, and relaxing were all important to the Thornton’s, a plan was set in place to create a patio with an enclosure to separate it from the rest of the yard. The AB Courtyard Collection® was chosen to create many of the other patio features because of its seamless ability to blend with the AB Blocks used to build the raised patio.

Working with Basalite, the local Allan Block manufacturer, the Thornton’s set the raised patio apart by using two AB product lines to construct their new retreat.

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Determine Project Layout
Start by measuring the existing patio area and mark the approximate location of the post/pillars, wall panels, and openings to exit the patio.

Build the Posts/Pillars
Start building the wall panels in both directions from the corner, stacking two courses at a time. Continue building in both directions to where the post/pillars will be located. The last block on every course of the wall panel next to the post/pillar or house will be a style block. Using a spirit level, place the panel to be square with the post/pillar.

Finish the wall panels with Wall Caps. Placement of the Wall Caps will depend on your patio layout. When capping a straight wall, alternate cops to create a straight line. To cap corners, place the caps facing the same direction to create flowing curves. Capping courses will require some additional steps (see How-To Sheet #80 for more information).

Build A wall to separate the new outdoor living space from the rest of the yard, and add outdoor living space that the homeowners will enjoy for years to come.

Design and build your own style of patio enclosure adding curves, corners, posts or pillars? How many entrances or openings will be located. The last block on every course of the wall panel next to the post/pillar or house will be a style block. Using a spirit level, place the panel to be square with the post/pillar.

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Patio Enclosures: Surrounding Your Patio With Style

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Before beginning construction on your patio enclosure, you will need to determine the style and layout of your enclosure. What is the purpose of your enclosure? Do you want to create an outdoor space for entertaining family and friends? How many entrances or openings are needed? In this example, we are enclosing an existing patio using post/pillars and creating one exterior entrance (see complete details see How To Sheet #80).

Run Wild

Your Patio With Style

Let Your Imagination Run Wild

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Now that your patio surround is complete, accessorize with lighting, furniture and plants. Or go big, with the addition of an outdoor bar, kitchen or grill surround to spice up your patio even more.

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To build a Fire Pit you will need AB York blocks and Wall Caps from the AB Courtyard Collection.

Step 1: Select location and mark the area with a shovel.
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Step 3: Fill the trench with soil rock and compact.
Step 4: Install the AB York Blocks and Wall Caps.
Step 5: Add decorative rock.
Step 6: Insert metal ring, wood and enjoy!

For complete details on this project see How-To Sheet #406 or visit our website at allanblock.com.

Add Tranquility to Your Landscape with a Water Feature by Allan Block.

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Step 4: Install the AB York Blocks.
Step 5: Add the pond liner.
Step 6: Install Wall Caps.
Step 7: Add your water feature and water.

For complete details on this project see How-To Sheet #380 or visit our website at allanblock.com.

To build a Below Ground Pond or water feature you will need AB York blocks and Wall Caps from the AB Courtyard Collection.

Step 1: Select location and mark the area with a shovel.
Step 2: Remove the sod and soil and dig a hole.
Step 3: Prepare the foundation pad and level.
Step 4: Install temporary blocks for placement.
Step 5: Add the flexible pond liner.
Step 6: Install the AB York Blocks.
Step 7: Backfill blocks and liner.
Step 8: Install top course of blocks and Wall Caps.
Step 9: Add decorative rock, fountain and water.

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