

Designing For Shade

Project Profile



This project is an example of the all too common situation of what to do about the failing raised patio installed by the out of business “fly by night contractor”. The solution involved a complete rip-out and renovation. The clients desired a bluestone patio covered with a porch roof to provide shelter from the rain as well as the sun.

With a porch roof the upper patio became a dry, shady refuge. The roof provides the great benefits of full shade and protection from rain as well as sun, lighting options, and of course, a ceiling fan. The roof that makes it all possible also raised the level of difficulty to the design. The porch roof needed to look like it was part of the original plan and to complement the architecture. Beyond style considerations, the lack of upper-story windows at the intersection of the porch roof and the house wall allowed for a vaulted ceiling to make this small porch seem bigger.

