

Our Backyard Project(s)

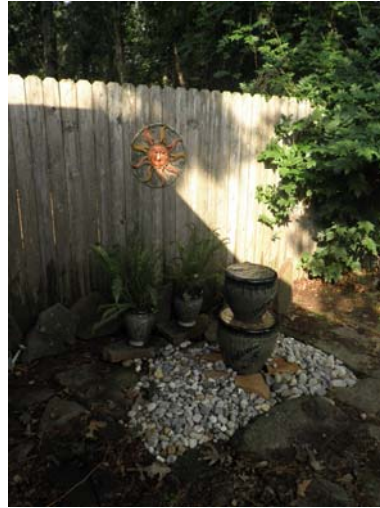
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Having been unable to return to our beloved sanctuary in the Ozarks, we've commenced to building a substitute in our backyard. This is a work in progress that seems to find it's value mostly this time of the year. The rest of the year it's just too hot and humid to really enjoy the patio.

The [disappearing water feature](#) was put in almost 2 years ago and has proven to work out nicely. We have to add water to it every week in the summer heat. But it does just fine in these wet months. The sound of water falling is so soothing.



BEFORE



AFTER

The bird feeders have been in the yard for about a year and they attract cardinals, finches and chickadees by the dozens. This spring we will have the humming bird feeder back out.

The latest addition to our yard is a fire pit. It's just some bricks and flat rocks stacked in a circle on the ground. But, Rhonda is already asking when I will mortar the stuff together. We've really enjoyed it on these cooler winter evening. Hotdogs, Marshmallows and Smores! Oh my! Or, perhaps just a nice cup of coffee and a good book.



Next? Hummm... Perhaps we will try some tall cane or trees along the fence to block the view of our neighbor's house.