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**Deck, patio, gazebo—
which one's for you?**

Because of their proximity, the house and gazebo use identical roof shingles, trimwork, and paint color. Flowers in terra-cotta pots add color to the deck; the pots themselves echo the salmon chimney bricks.





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This spacious deck provides ample room for a family of six and their friends. Diagonal patterns in the deck's floor emphasize the many-sided design.

Pick a
PLEASURE

Winning Combination

If your house overlooks a golf course, as Barbara and Stuart Kaufman's Illinois residence does, almost as many people will see it from the back as from the front. That makes attention to detail especially important when it comes to deck design.

Although the Kaufmans' lot is fairly flat, the back door sits several steps aboveground, so the deck was designed on two levels that wind down to the lawn.

The upper deck's white painted railing matches the trimwork on the front of the house. Because the backyard lacks shade trees, the Kaufmans added a gazebo for shelter from the sun. The gazebo's wire screening also offers the couple and their four young daughters asylum from insects.

The lower deck repeats the shape of the gazebo and features casual built-in benches instead of a rail. It's a great place to relax and watch golfers go by.