How to Choose the Right Barbecue Grill

One of the fundamental parts of an outdoor kitchen is the cooking method, which often includes using a barbecue grill. The type and size of your kitchen area often determines the best type of grill, but there are also some other things to consider when choosing the right one.

**Consider a Built-In or Stand-Alone Grill**

The first decision to make when choosing a barbecue grill is to decide between a standard grill or one that is built-in. Some outdoor kitchens, whether prefab or custom kitchens, will come with the option to have a built-in grill. In this case, you will either need to go with whatever grill comes with it, or in the case of a custom kitchen, you can still choose from other options. However, if the outdoor kitchen is a smaller setup, a small stand-alone grill might work better for you.

**Choose the Method of Fuel**

After you have decided between a built-in grill or a stand-alone grill, you then need to decide what method of fuel to go with. Many outdoor kitchens use electrical grills with other electrical outdoor appliances, but this isn’t the only option. You can also get built-in grills or stand-alone grills that use natural gas or charcoal. This will give your food more of a classic barbecue flavor that an electrical grill doesn’t always provide.

**Consider Alternative Types of Grills**

Basic barbecue grills are not the only options available to you. There are also some other methods of grilling your food, from placing a grilling grate over an open flame to using a smoker with your grill. There are some smaller smokers meant to go over a grill, so that you are able to use your grill, but you get that slow-cooked smoky flavor. You can also get a portable grill if your outdoor kitchen is made with an oven, but there isn’t room for a large built-in style grill. Another option is to use an outdoor fire pit and place a grilling grate on top to get the best of both worlds.

**Think About the Size and Cost**

This is unfortunately something you will need to think about when choosing the type of barbecue grill to add to your outdoor kitchen. Naturally, large built-in grills are going to cost you the most, but you get the convenience of having them blending well with the kitchen and being more convenient. Electric grills do tend to be a little pricier than gas or charcoal grills, though the size and types of features they come with can also adjust the price as well.