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A regulation-size backyard basketball court? How narrow-minded.

Multi-functional game courts that offer a surface fit for biking, basketball, volleyball and badminton (with side nets for soccer and tennis) are the new way to satisfy athletic types.

“People are keeping their kids closer to home and want them to be able to do what they want to do,” says Joan Grabel of Park Slope Design, who recently installed courts for two homes. “They want to make their backyards just like little resorts.”



—LAURA REPSTAD

Court Bester

Grabel installed this 27 ft. by 48 ft. court for a family of sports enthusiasts with a double light system for night play and spectator benches. Clean lines and the dark-green color allow the court to better assimilate into the landscaping. Says Grabel: “The red geraniums spilling over the wall are more eye catching than the court.”