



Hints For Homeowners

Put A Great New Face On Your Fireplace



Stone: Copper LedgeStone. Photo courtesy of Natural Stone Veneers International.

A new look for your fireplace can help you warm up to the room all over again.

(NAPSA)—Here's a hot tip from decorating experts: A small change can have a big effect on the look of a room.

For example, consider refacing your fireplace. It's as easy to do as changing your kitchen countertops—and with today's natural thin stone veneers, it's also cost effective. That's because when you're looking for materials that are beautiful, durable and versatile, natural thin stone veneer can be a surprisingly affordable choice, which can even help to raise the resale value of your home.

From the Pyramids to the Parthenon, natural stone has long provided aspirational design and durability. Now, natural thin stone veneer can be cut from 100 percent natural quarried stone... so even a thin slice offers some of the same durability, low maintenance and aesthetic qualities of the thicker version. In addition, natural thin stone veneer is widely available.

Because of its reduced weight, natural thin stone veneer is extremely versatile. It requires no additional foundation support and installs, often easily, over existing rigid materials such as brick and concrete block, turning a small remodeling project into one with impressive design results. Ninety-degree angles that can be cut from full-thickness stones are used in corner applications, concealing the true thickness of the stone. The overall cost-effective result is a unique

fireplace that looks like a traditional full-thickness installation.

Natural thin stone veneer is available in a multitude of stone types, including limestone, granite, bluestone, sandstone and quartzite, and is available in a wide variety of styles, textures, cuts and colors, making it easy to integrate into existing design schemes from modern to traditional.

What's more, unlike its man-made counterparts, natural thin stone veneer doesn't fade in color, so your fireplace will maintain its lasting beauty.

Because custom or one-of-a-kind products often come with a hefty price tag, homeowners are generally unwilling to splurge on renovations. However, because stone is a natural, nonmanufactured product, no two pieces are exactly alike—offering a custom look every time. Natural thin stone veneer makes this opportunity one step more convenient, as it gives you the custom-made look in a most cost-efficient application.

For those who are eco conscious, natural thin stone veneer offers many sustainable attributes. It is also virtually maintenance-free, which will allow you to spend less time worrying and more time enjoying your "new" fireplace with family and friends.

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For more information about natural thin stone veneer, visit the Natural Stone Resource Library page on the www.usenaturalstone.com website.