

Hints For The Home

Fireplaces A Hot Idea

(NAPSA)—When looking for a way to add a little pizzazz to the living room, family room or den, it may pay to fire up your imagination. A well-maintained or spruced-up fireplace can add warmth—figuratively and literally—to most any home.



Fireplaces can add comfort, warmth and style to a room.

Today, many products for the hearth—including dampers, fire tools, fire screens, the hardware on glass hearth doors, cinder buckets and log stands—keep their shine and last longer because they have undergone a process called powder coating.

Powder coating is a finishing method whereby finely ground particles of pigment and resin are electrostatically charged and sprayed onto a surface. Hearth products that have the coating are highly resistant to scratching, chipping, fading and wearing. Fireplaces, however, aren't the only things to benefit from powder coating. Fire extinguishers are coated as well.

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