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COLOR, PATTERN  
AND TEXTURES  
THAT WILL DELIGHT

FORWARD THINKING  
ON FIREPLACES  
THIS SEASON

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this winter*

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## Forward Thinking For Your Fireplace

BY LINDA MAZUR

As a designer, I of course love fireplaces! They are a fantastic design feature and can invoke an enormous amount of creativity and inspiration when designing a home. Whether you enjoy the charm of a wood-burning fireplace or the ease of a gas-burning one, what really will amplify your fireplace as a statement piece is not only the style of the insert, but the façade you select.







Fireplace inserts styles have advanced over the last couple of years. There are so many great options available now - 100" wide inserts that can create amazing drama in a room, or perhaps a modern vertical insert that creates a striking tall single flame. Whichever style of insert you select look to a reputable company like National Energy Equipment Inc., [www.neefireplaces.ca](http://www.neefireplaces.ca), for professional guidance in selecting the right unit for your space.

Once you've considered the style of your insert you need to decide on a façade, this might be a bit more of a challenge as there are many amazing design options available. The trend moving forward is a shift away from the more traditional mantel and towards a vertical applications for the fireplace façade.

A slab of marble, granite or another solid surface material such as quartz creates a dramatic and minimalist aesthetic. If you decide to proceed with a natural stone for your fireplace facing, make sure to hand select your slab. As these are natural products the character and charm varies in each piece. Try to take advantage of the natural beauty of the patterns created by the veining, and use it as a design feature.

If you love texture then brick, fieldstone, ledgerstone or concrete can also be an appealing option. They can satisfy so many design styles - traditional, rustic, modern, coastal or transitional. Be creative and have fun with your fireplace by mixing materials, try a natural slab at the bottom of your fireplace facing with ledgerstone above - a modern and dramatic look. Or polished concrete with reclaimed barn board for a cozy rustic feel.

Whatever you decide on for your fireplace, be forward in your thinking. Create for yourself a stunningly dramatic focal point in your home. Don't just think of it as a simple fireplace, consider it art!

I suggest finding the best installer you can and work with him or her to select the best stone for your fireplace.