

Faux Fireplace Mantel For Your Apartment or Condominium

It's Thanksgiving and you are getting ready to leave your 1000 square foot apartment and go see your family for the holidays. You know as soon as you get home mom is going to have you go to the basement and pull out all the decorations. Then it dawns on you, "Why can't I have a mantel to decorate for Christmas? Just because I don't have a fireplace does not mean I can't have a mantle." Fireplaces and mantels are at their best around the holidays. Fully decorated, they bring back childhood memories of the good old days at Christmas.

So let's get started trying to determine how to get a mantel for this Christmas. One of the best ways to search for a fireplace mantel is to look online at MantelCraft.com. You can review our selections on either our regular built-to-order pages, or if you're looking for a deal, look on our Clearance Sale pages! Remember when you buy from MantelCraft.com, the shipping is included! There will be no surprises at checkout!

You may ask, "What size will I need?" A purely decorative mantel normally would not have a large inside opening width or height: about 36" to 46" inside width and about 36" to 42" inside height. 48" to 55" is a good overall height for a mantel surround, depending upon the size/scale of your room, and the ceiling height. With so many design styles to choose from it may be hard to determine what style is right for you. MantelCraft has fireplace mantel styles from traditional and colonial, to contemporary and modern.

Now that you have ordered your mantel it is time for your installation. MantelCraft mantels come with installation instructions and hardware in the box. One obstacle you might have to overcome during installation is deciding whether or not to cut out your baseboard. If you don't cut out your baseboard you can notch the bottom backside of the mantel leg and the mantel return so your mantel will be flush with the wall.

Next, you can paint the wall on the inside of the mantel black or faux finish it with a complimentary color or simple to elaborate design. You may want to purchase a free-standing fireplace screen and place it in front of the mantel for a realistic fireplace look.

Fireplace mantels, fireplace mantel shelves and other fireplace accessories do not always end up around a fireplace. Be imaginative, and don't be afraid to explore other options when it comes to decorating. You can find plenty of decorating ideas on the web and in home magazines.

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