



Warmth & Wow

By Victoria Zielinski

With crisp, chilly weather creeping in, fall is the perfect time for homeowners to fuel their desire for a unique fireplace design to accentuate a cozy, stylish living space. Imagine curling up next to the glowing embers of a warm, crackling fire, appreciating a functional and distinctive new home addition. Chris Weiner, sales and marketing manager for European Home, shares three fireplaces that are sure to make sparks fly in any space.

European Home — J Series - 40H (above)

This outdoor fireplace is completely vent-free and glass-free, made of durable and weather-resistant stainless steel so its beauty can withstand harsh winter weather and coastal conditions. "This fireplace fits perfectly with a modern home, and it's the perfect accompaniment to a chic outdoor cocktail party or a simple and cozy fire with family and friends," Weiner says. "No collecting wood or minding the fire, simply use the remote controls to ignite your flames and the multi-colored LED light display. All that is left is to kick back and enjoy the warmth and ambiance this outdoor gas fireplace provides." According to Weiner, this fireplace combines traditional inspiration with modern, clean lines, satisfying both classic and new tastes.

Element4 — Sky M

Born out of a desire to break the mold, the Element4 Sky range of gas fireplaces are portrait style, and installed between two rooms so that both rooms are visible. "Like a doorway, this fire opens up a house, and the fabulous twin burner (the original burner), gives a most realistic fire at the same time — and plenty of heat," Weiner says. This model has two burners to create a robust fire or a soft, low flame, as well as the Real Flame burner system to create the appearance of natural fire. In designing the Sky M, Element4 focused on creating a simple design to enhance the setting of the fireplace. "The style needs to be utilitarian — it should be suitable for as many settings as possible," Weiner explains. "Simplicity is the key, and the sheer beauty of the flames."

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Focus — Gyrofocus in White (above)

The Gyrofocus, the world's first suspended, 360-degree rotating fireplace, was designed by Dominique Imbert in 1968 with a simple goal: to create warmth. Seeking to challenge the norm, Weiner explains that Imbert said, "Why should fire be fixed to the ground? I wanted my fireplaces to hang from the sky."

The Gyrofocus is unique in that it fits in with a variety of design aesthetics. "Upon first look, one might think that the Gyrofocus is exclusive to the ultra-modern home or commercial space," Weiner says. "Although this can be somewhat true, we have seen many Gyrofocus installations that fit quite well in a more 'rustic' space. The allure of a crackling wood fireplace adds a level of serenity to any space, especially one that is already in a serene environment, such as a log cabin in the mountains, or a lake house overlooking the water."

Weiner says that today, each Gyrofocus is hand-made to order by metal artisans in the South of France. These fireplaces are shaped, welded, and finished entirely by hand to ensure the highest quality.