

Copper Fire Pits Add Elegance to Your Outdoor Living Space

A copper fire pit is a beautiful addition to any yard or outdoor living space. Picture yourself wrapped in a warm sweater, sitting next to a fire on a chilly autumn night and warming your hands in the welcoming glow. Or remember those starlight summer nights sitting around a fire pit ring next to your tent. Ahhhh, memories.

Adding a copper fire pit to your outdoor living space is as easy as a click on your computer keyboard, and the pits are relatively inexpensive and much quicker to set up than a backyard brick fireplace. Did you realize that copper fire pits have a history that dates back 9000 years. Copper was one of the first metals that man put to use; the earliest known documented example of copper work, dated to between 7250 BCE and 6750 BCE, was found at an archeologic site in Turkey. From that time forward, copper production increased alongside the development of better copper extraction and smelting methods. Copper craftsmen still carry on their craft in small shops in Turkey, using skills handed down from master to apprentice for thousands of years.

Keep the following points in mind when choosing your copper fire pit. Think about the design that best suits your purpose and whether you prefer a chimney, camping or tabletop style. Outdoor fire pits also come in several sizes, and you should purchase one that is large enough to enjoy yet not so large that it takes up all your available space. Price will also dictate the quality of your copper fire pit. Obviously, less expensive models are not built to last long. The most expensive models include outdoor gas fire pits fueled by propane or fire pits that feature attached granite tabletops.

It stands to reason that there are safety precautions to be aware of when using your copper fire pit. Obviously, you should be sure to keep your fire pit at a safe distance from the outside walls of any structure. It may also not be a good idea to set your fire pit up on a wooden deck, regardless of the distance between it and your home or yard structure; the best flooring for a fire pit of any type is one made with metal, tile or cement or other fireproof material. Also, keep the pit away from overhangs; simply put, keep it away from any and all flammable materials. Sparks can quickly ignite nearby dry grasses and firewood and turn them into an uncontrollable wildfire. Purchasing a fire pit cover ensures additional protection from any burning embers remaining after the main fire has gone out.

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