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MATERIAL When choosing between marble. stone and wooden chimneypieces, you should really be guided by what you like, but stone is often used for hallways, while marble tends to be used in more formal spaces, such as drawing and dining rooms.

GRATE Fire grates not only serve a decorative purpose, but they are also the most useful tool in helping your chimney draw. Register grates - a Georgian invention, which work by closing down the chamber with steel slips - are excellent. but if you want a less formal look, try fire dogs or baskets.

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