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10 new uses for old fireplaces

Make a wood still life

This urbane San Francisco parlor includes many bold touches, including an industrial-style lamp by [Michael McEwen](#), an architectural photo by [Michael Wolf](#) and a [fauteuil](#) upholstered in cowhide. But the centerpiece of the room is the original fireplace from the 1920s that is clad in rust and cream-veined marble.

Interior designer [Geoffrey De Sousa](#) designed the mahogany-clad room and styled the fireplace with large birch-bark strips. The result is a dramatic and unusual wood still life that immediately captures attention.

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