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Here are 5 Manhattan apartments with working or decorative fireplaces for sale

If you're looking to buy a New York City apartment right now, you may have your heart set on a place with a working fireplace as the weather cools down and the holidays get closer. They're aesthetically pleasing year-round and give an apartment character—but they also require some maintenance and safety precautions.

And they're harder to find these days: Currently, there are over 1,100 listings with a fireplace on StreetEasy. New wood-burning fireplaces cannot be built because of NYC's building code, so your best is to search prewar co-ops or renovated condos (even there you may be out of luck: Condo renovations often mean fireplaces are removed or sealed up. Still, a non-working fireplace is nice to look at and gives a room a focal point.) Gas fireplaces are an option if you prefer new construction.

Keep in mind that wood-burning fireplaces aren't very environmentally friendly and you must use wood with a moisture content of 20 percent or less because of the city's clean air initiative (even gas fireplaces can emit dangerous pollutants like carbon monoxide). You also need to have the fireplace inspected and cleaned every season—and have the flue cleared. (Here are more tips on how to prep your fireplace for the winter season).

But, if you really want the experience—or just the look—here are five Manhattan apartments on the market that feature a fireplace, including a Lenox Hill co-op and a Chelsea duplex apartment.



781 Fifth Ave., #2307, Lenox Hill

This one bedroom, one and a half bath is asking \$1,995,000. Apartment #2307 has a fireplace with a marble mantel and parquet floors, coffered ceilings, oversized arched windows, crown molding, and a barrel-vaulted foyer. Located in the Sherry Netherland, amenities include a 24-hour doorman, live-in super, concierge, gym, and bike storage. Monthly maintenance includes twice-daily housekeeping. Central Park is across the street.