

MP10 Mantlepiece with an Edwardian style cast iron baffle.

ARE MANTLEPIECES ONLY AVAILABLE IN ONE SIZE OR DO YOU CUSTOM MAKE?

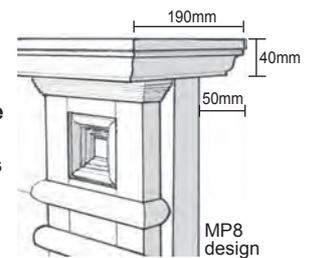
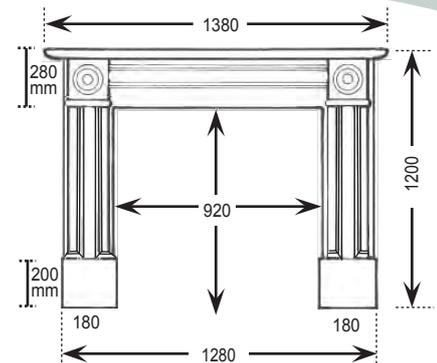
Woodworkers has a range of designs suitable for various architectural styles but is willing to custom make client designs or adopt our own styles as required. Fireplaces are often built before the surrounds are considered so it is common to custom make the facing mantle to suit.

IS THERE A STANDARD SIZE?

Yes. The majority of mantlepieces are installed around prefabricated fireboxes such as manufactured by Jetmaster or made to fit traditional cast iron hearths that are standardised. Our standard mantlepiece has the key dimensions shown at right.

ARE THEY IN STOCK?

Not generally. We often make a small stock of mantles coming into the winter months in the MP10 design. All other patterns are made to order and may have lead times of four to six weeks.



HOW WIDE IS THE MANTLE SHELF?

The shelf is 190 x 40 standard. The edge is moulded on 3 sides to a cyma shape as shown with the returns being 50mm on both sides. Wider shelves can be made up to about 300mm but the timber will usually need to be laminated to achieve this width so you'll probably see a join in grain.

WHAT ARE THEY MADE FROM?

Woodworkers fabricates mantles from Surian Red Cedar as it polishes well, to a rich colour and matches most original mantlepieces.

DO THEY COME FULLY FINISHED OR RAW?

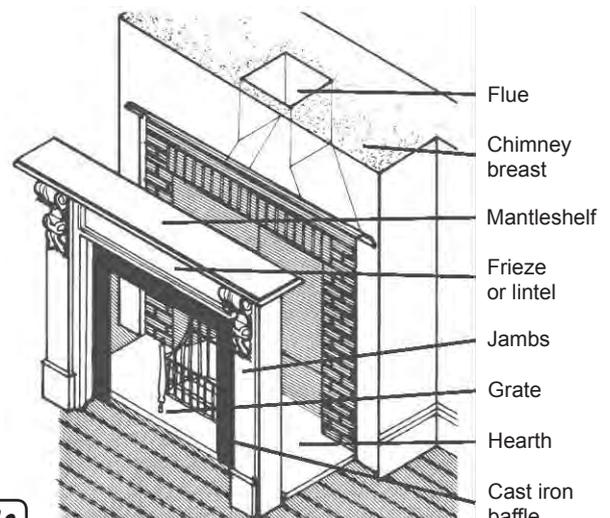
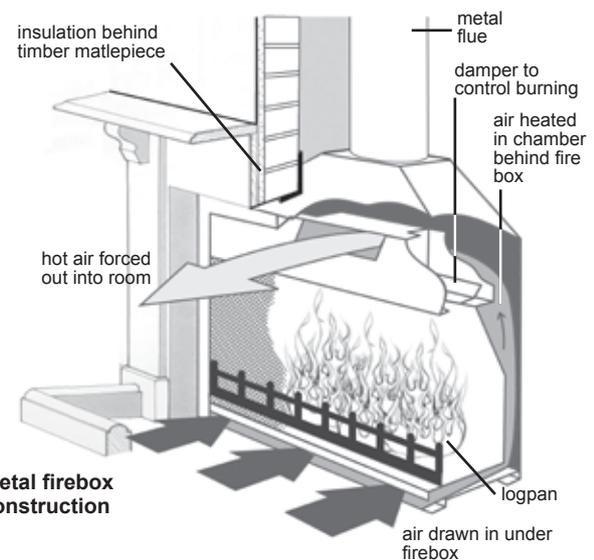
Woodworkers produces a raw product. But can preprime if required. Prepriming entails one coat of clear or white oil based primer to provide a temporary seal until final coats are applied. Mantles will often need to be face fixed and the screws plugged so it could be false economy to pre-finish before installation.

HOW ARE MANTLES INSTALLED?

The first issue is proximity to the heat or flame. Timber burns and needs to be distanced and protected from heat. Traditionally this was often done using ceramic tiles or hearth bricks but it is essential that no timber is exposed to the heat source as it will shrink, split and probably ignite. It is common to fully back the mantlepiece with compressed cement sheeting to insulate it from wall heat. All faces of a mantle must be fully sealed as heat from behind can cause warp or splitting to the exposed facade. Mantles are commonly adhesive fixed to a stable backing cement board with screw fixings hidden under the mantelshelf for extra support.

DO WOODWORKERS INSTALL MANTLES?

No. We can however recommend an independent BSA registered contractor to undertake the work who may also undertake site finishing if required. Where a firebox installation is being arranged by, for example, Jetmaster it is common for them to site fix the mantles which they may obtain from us.



traditional fireplace construction



we'll custom make mantlepieces to any size or style

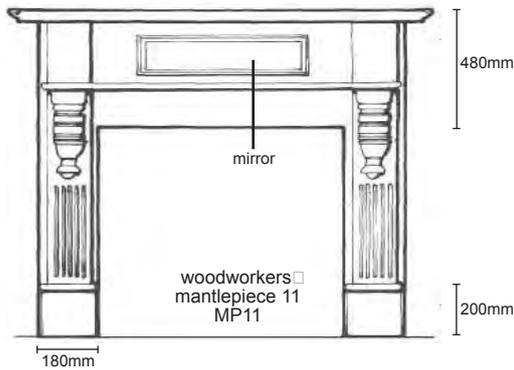
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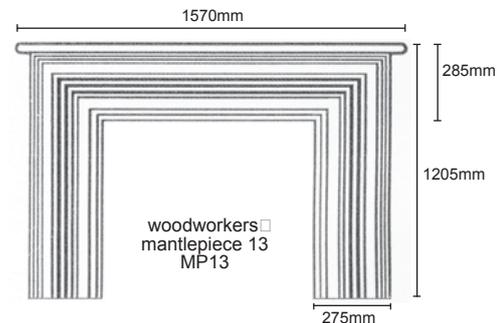
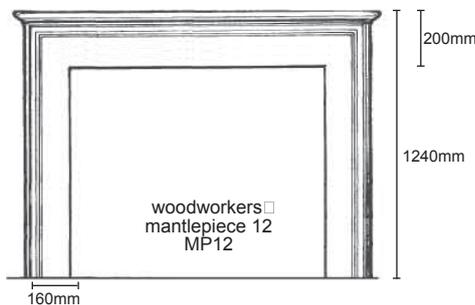
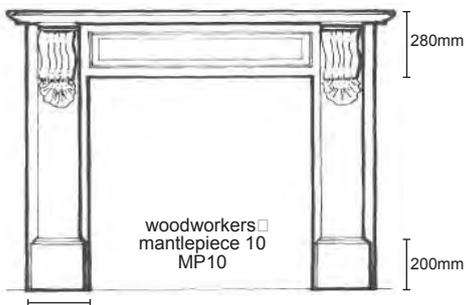
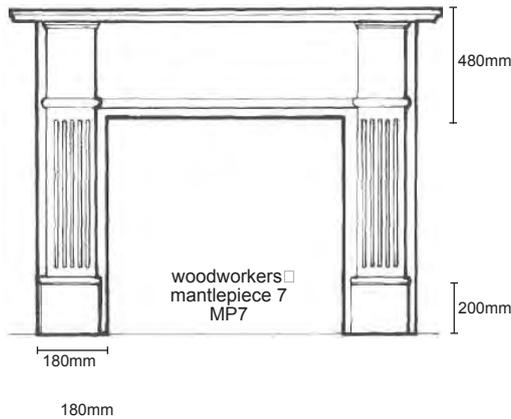
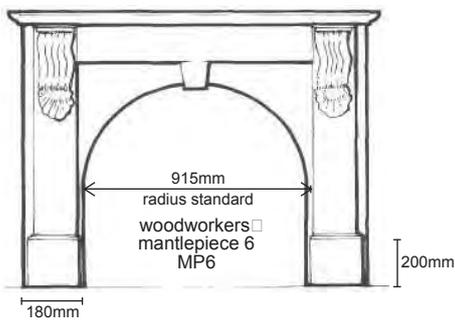
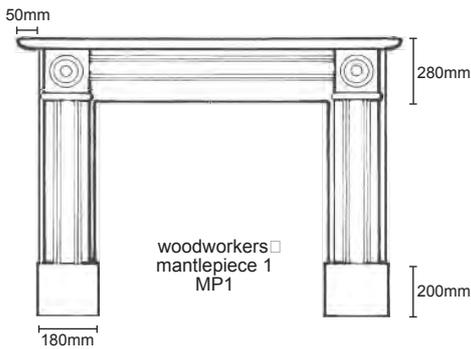
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Traditionally, the fireplace is the heart of the home. Despite the warmer climate, earlier generations continued to build fireplaces wherever bricks were plentiful. Classically simple Georgian designs gave way to increasingly more ornate Victorian mantelpieces once affordable cast iron hearths were mass produced. Curved grates were superseded by simpler rectangular fireboxes earlier this century, usually with colourfully tiled reveals and ornate turned and mirrored overmantles.

The Woodworkers Company designs and builds mantelpieces to any size or style in polish grade Red Cedar or paint grade material.

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