

Wood Stove Decorating Checklist

Initial Assessment

- Identify stove material (stone/metal/brick/ceramic)
- Note stove color and finish
- Measure stove dimensions
- Document required clearance distances
- Check manufacturer's safety guidelines

Space Planning

- Measure room dimensions
- Mark clearance zones on floor
- Select layout style:
 - Symmetrical center placement
 - Asymmetrical arrangement
 - Cozy corner setup
- Plan traffic flow around stove
- Identify focal point angles

Safety Considerations

- Confirm floor protection requirements
- Verify wall protection needs
- Check local building codes
- Install carbon monoxide detector
- Place fire extinguisher within reach
- Clear flammable items from vicinity

Material Selection

Flooring

- Choose heat-resistant material

- Select complementary color/pattern
- Install proper hearth pad if required

Walls

- Pick heat-safe wall treatments
- Select complementary paint/wallpaper
- Consider accent wall options

Furniture

- Choose appropriate wood tones
- Verify fabric heat resistance
- Position at safe distances
- Balance visual weight

Decorative Elements

Lighting

- Plan ambient lighting
- Select table lamps
- Consider accent lighting
- Install dimmer switches if desired

Textiles

- Select heat-resistant rugs
- Choose throw blankets
- Pick decorative pillows
- Coordinate patterns/colors

Wall Décor

- Select above-stove artwork
- Plan surrounding wall décor
- Consider mirrors for light reflection
- Verify secure mounting options

Seasonal Decorating Kit

Winter

- Cozy throws
- Holiday decorations
- Seasonal cookware
- Storage solution for wood

Spring

- Light fabrics
- Vases for fresh flowers
- Nature-inspired accents
- Spring-themed cookbooks

Summer

- Lightweight textiles
- Fresh herbs display
- Summer fruit bowl
- Outdoor cooking accessories

Fall

- Autumn-colored accents
- Natural elements (pinecones, leaves)
- Harvest décor
- Seasonal basket display

Maintenance Planning

- Create cleaning schedule
- Stock cleaning supplies
- Plan seasonal décor rotation
- Schedule professional inspections
- Document care instructions

Final Touches

- Test all lighting
- Adjust furniture placement
- Style accessories
- Take photos for reference

- Create seasonal storage system

Emergency Preparedness

- Post emergency numbers
 - Document evacuation plan
 - Check smoke detectors
 - Review safety procedures
 - Update first aid kit
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Notes:

- Keep all decorative items at least [insert manufacturer's recommended distance] from stove
- Review this checklist seasonally
- Update as needed based on stove manufacturer guidelines
- Save receipts and product information for all heat-resistant materials
- Take photos of successful arrangements for future reference