

## STOVES

A stove is a more efficient fuel-burning option than an open fire – it loses only about 20 per cent of heat produced and can be used to warm the water, too. They work best with very seasoned wood, or you could choose the gas option, which is clean, quick to ignite and has realistic-looking flames. Another benefit of a stove is that it gives you more flexibility – placing one in the centre of an open-plan room, for example, ensures even heat flow and makes a striking design statement, or you could install one in a redundant fireplace as a fire substitute. Styles range from the traditional black cast iron – perfect for a country cottage kitchen – to the contemporary, stainless-steel and brightly coloured pedestal-mounted designs – ideal for a modern barn conversion.

- Select a stove with the right energy output for the size of the room, taking into consideration high ceilings, un-insulated outside walls, additional heating systems and open staircases when making the calculation.
- When opting for a gas stove, the stove and flue installation must always be carried out by an engineer on the Gas Safe Register. For details of your nearest one and more information, visit [gassaferegister.co.uk](http://gassaferegister.co.uk).



**THIS PAGE, FAR LEFT** Cast-iron stoves now come in an array of lighter finishes. The *Country Living* Bembridge stove seen here, produced in collaboration with Charnwood ([charnwood.com](http://charnwood.com)), costs from £830 and is available in five colours **LEFT** A plain metal stove with sleek lines suits a modern rustic look (similar from Contura; [contura.eu](http://contura.eu)) **ABOVE** This slim woodburner (a vintage model from Jøtul; [jotul.com](http://jotul.com)) suits the dimensions of a narrow shepherd's hut

## SOURCEBOOK: STOVES &amp; FIREPLACES

- A ARADA** ([aradastoves.com](http://aradastoves.com))  
Stoves on classic lines, plus more contemporary styles. Based in Axminster, Devon.
- C CHARWOOD** ([charnwood.com](http://charnwood.com))  
Traditional, as well as more modern cast-iron wood and multi-fuel stoves, including *Country Living's* Bembridge design in five colours, are made by this Isle-of-Wight family firm.
- CHESNEYS** ([chesneys.co.uk](http://chesneys.co.uk))  
Large selection of period

- fireplaces and stoves that combine the latest energy-efficient and climate-friendly technology.
- CLEARVIEW** ([clearviewstoves.com](http://clearviewstoves.com)) Range of classic cast-iron stoves from Shropshire.
- E ELGIN & HALL** ([elginandhall.co.uk](http://elginandhall.co.uk)) Simpler styles of fireplace in marble, limestone and wood.
- J JAMB** ([jamb.co.uk](http://jamb.co.uk)) Quality reproduction fireplace styles in stone and marble,

- plus a collection of antique examples from the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries. Range of foundry-made fireside accessories and tools.
- JØTUL** ([jotul.com](http://jotul.com)) Cast-iron stoves from Norway in simple classic designs and contemporary cylinder versions, distributed throughout the UK.
- M MORSØ** ([morsso.co.uk](http://morsso.co.uk)) Danish cast-iron stoves in modern and traditional designs,

- including cylinder styles that make a bold statement as freestanding pieces.
- R JROTHERHAM** ([jrotherham.co.uk](http://jrotherham.co.uk)) Stone and marble fireplaces in both classic and more modern styles.
- S STOVAX** ([stovax.com](http://stovax.com))  
Freestanding cast-iron stoves in traditional and contemporary designs in a choice of colours. Also wall-mounted fireplaces. Based in Exeter, Devon. ➔