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We can't get enough of Housemartin (housemartin.typepad.com). Portland floral designer Pam Zsori posts almost-daily ideas and inspirations accompanied by lush images. Watch for updates on her soon-to-open store, Ink & Peat, and *Sunset's* story on Zsori's own home later this year.



Greening your fireplace

There are few better ways to spend a chilly evening than cuddling in front of a fire. Unfortunately, wood-burning fireplaces aren't environmentally sound (burning wood emits 30 percent of the San Francisco Bay Area's wintertime air pollution). And retrofitting them with a gasline and venting to burn natural gas can be expensive. The EcoSmart Burner, an 11½- by 11½-inch stainless steel box with a 4-inch-deep reservoir, is an easy, stylish alternative for both existing and new fireplaces. The

Australian invention burns denatured alcohol, a renewable fuel manufactured from corn; installation requires no flue or hard connection. In fact, the burner alone can be placed just about anywhere—even in an outdoor garden pot surrounded by rocks or recycled glass. The individual burner, grate range (for wood-burning fireplaces), and conversion kits are available from Marin Outdoor Living (*from \$1,950 for the burner, \$6,700 as shown; marinoutdoorliving.com or 866/854-2649*).