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Copper topper: Chimney pots by Jack Arnold.

Has your chimney gone to pot? Many have these days.

Chimney pots, decorative extensions of the chimney, are appearing atop everything from century-old Victorians to new houses coast to coast.

"Chimney pots are both a design and safety feature," says Jack Arnold, a Tulsa architect who designs a line of copper chimney pots (\$999-\$1,479) — the "missing ingredient" when it came to topping off chimneys on his homes. In addition to adding architectural interest, pots keep out animals, prevent rain damage to brick and mortar and improve the chimney's draft.

"It's something that adds a level of character to the outside of the house," says Ola Lessard of The Chimney Pot Shoppe in Avella, Pa., which offers more than 1,200 pots, most in the \$300-\$600 range. "A chimney pot sets your house apart."

— Craig Wilson



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