

Advice from the Pros

LIGHTING DESIGNERS EXPLAIN WHY ILLUMINATION IS AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN CREATING AMBIANCE AND FUNCTIONALITY IN YOUR HOME



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Why is proper lighting so important in my interiors?

Good lighting will enhance a space and bring an ambiance to a home that cannot be achieved any other way. Proper lighting is necessary for safety as well as preventing eyestrain when performing tasks such as homework, cooking and reading.

How can lighting affect the mood of a room?

Using different layers of light with proper dimming creates different moods depending on the room's function. For instance, kitchen food preparation requires good task lighting and bright general lighting. While entertaining in this same space, general lighting can be dimmed and accent lighting used to highlight important items and features.

What are the benefits of working with a lighting designer?

A qualified lighting designer can design a lighting plan that will incorporate the way a room will be used with the best lighting for the space. Utilizing extensive knowledge of products, dimming and lamping, a lighting designer will blend design and function in a way that will transform the home.

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First and foremost, you need to be able to perform the task associated with that room. Secondly, it needs to feel inviting and welcoming. Third, you want to be able to create interest. The layering of different types of light can create all three of these functions.

How can lighting affect the mood of a room?

Different colors affect us in different ways. Lighting can enhance those colors as well as change the way we feel in the space.

What are the different types of lighting and should every room have all types?

Task lighting, general lighting and accent lighting are the three most important types of lighting. I feel every room should have all three!

When should lighting be discussed during a remodeling project?

After the floor plan is laid out and the functions of the room are decided on.

How can lighting accentuate my home?

Some architectural details would not be seen without the proper lighting. Bringing out these details makes a room feel so much richer.