



Setting the Stage

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Lighting plays an essential role in the overall appearance and mood in a room. In order for furniture and accessories to stand out, the appropriate lighting needs to be considered. Often times, homeowners make the mistake of overlooking lighting as they believe it's insignificant or just not important. The reality is that by simply rearranging or changing the type of lighting, it can have a dramatic impact by creating interest, drama, effect or just a subtle hint of light for mood. It's a quick and easy way to enhance the mood, atmosphere, and appearance of a room.

Lighting has three major functions in any room:

Ambient Lighting

General ambient lighting refers to light that comes from all directions or a room's main source of light from recessed lights, chandeliers, floor lamps or other ceiling fixtures. A general rule of thumb is to create a triangle pattern when lighting a room. For example, in a living room, lamps can be placed on a sofa table behind a sofa and on an end table beside a loveseat, while a standing lamp is placed next to a chair for reading.

Task Lighting

Task lighting or targeted

light is used to assist in specific tasks and functions in a room. For example, task lighting includes table lamps and under cabinet lighting in the kitchen. This also includes track lighting which can make the task of food preparation easier.

Accent Lighting

Accent lighting highlights and emphasizes special pieces of artwork, collections or plants for a dramatic touch. It draws attention to a particular area.

Special points of interest:

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