

A HOMEOWNER'S GUIDE
— FOR —
BEAUTIFUL &
PRACTICAL
Lighting

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LIGHTING RECOMMENDATIONS

How color temperature affects the comfort and feel of a home.

1. LIGHTING FOR HOME ENVIRONMENTS

For homes, warm white light, typically in the range of 2700–3500 Kelvin, is generally preferred for creating a cozy and welcoming atmosphere, especially in living rooms, bedrooms, and dining areas. This warmer light is often compared to the glow of an incandescent bulb and is favored for its ability to promote relaxation and a sense of comfort.

RECOMMENDED COLOR TEMPERATURE RANGE



Warm White

2700K

Friendly, Personal, Intimate



Soft White

3000K

Soft, Warm, Pleasing



Neutral White

3500K

Sociable, Inviting, Inoffensive

2. COLOR TEMPERATURE RANGE TO AVOID

A 5000K color temperature is generally not recommended for most home lighting. While it's true that this color temperature is similar to natural daylight and can increase alertness and focus, these effects are often better suited for environments other than homes.

NOT RECOMMENDED COLOR TEMPERATURE RANGE



Cool White

4000K

Neat, Clean, Efficient



Daylight

5000K

Bright, Cool, Alert

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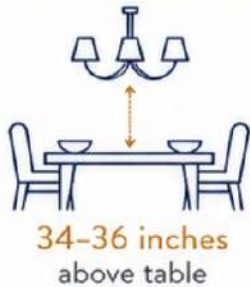
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THE RIGHT HEIGHT TO HANG YOUR LIGHTS

Practical placement tips for beautiful, balanced lighting throughout the home.

Getting the height of your light fixtures right is crucial for both functionality and visual appeal. Here's a breakdown of common recommendations for different areas of your home.



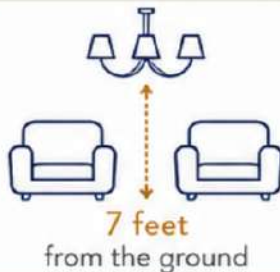
DINING TABLE CHANDELIERS

The bottom of the chandelier should generally hang **34 to 36 inches** above the tabletop.



KITCHEN ISLAND

The bottom of pendant lights should typically hang **36 to 42 inches** above the kitchen island.



OPEN SPACES

For foyers, entryways, and open living areas, aim for at least **7 feet** of clearance from the bottom of the fixture to the floor.



BEDSIDE

If used for reading, bedside sconces are often placed about **55 to 60 inches** from the floor. Bedside pendants typically hang **19 to 24 inches** above the nightstand.

THE RIGHT HEIGHT TO HANG YOUR LIGHTS ON WALLS

Helpful placement guidelines for sconces, vanity lights, and exterior wall fixtures.

Getting the height of wall-mounted lighting right is crucial for both functionality and visual appeal. Here's a breakdown of common recommendations for different areas of your home.

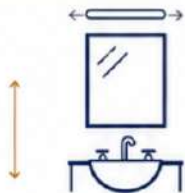
60–65
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BESIDE A BATHROOM MIRROR

To evenly illuminate a bathroom mirror from either side, mount sconces just above eye level, or about **60 to 65 inches** from the floor to the center of the sconce backplate.

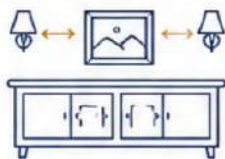
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ABOVE A BATHROOM MIRROR

The ideal linear bath light should measure at least three-quarters the width of the mirror without extending beyond its edges. For larger mirrors, consider a pair of evenly spaced sconces instead.

8–10
inches
minimum



IN A HALLWAY OR LIVING SPACE

When installing wall sconces around a mirror, artwork, or furniture vignette, allow a minimum of **8 to 10 inches** of breathing room for a balanced composition.

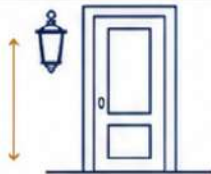
55–60
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BESIDE THE BED

If your sconce has a switch, install it where it can be comfortably reached from a seated position. A common starting point is about **55 to 60 inches** from the floor.

60–65
inches



EXTERIOR DOOR — ONE LIGHT

Position the light on the same side as the doorknob so visitors' faces are illuminated when the door is opened at night. Mount the center of the fixture at about eye level, or **60 to 65 inches** from the ground.

60–65
inches



EXTERIOR DOOR — TWO LIGHTS

When mounting two exterior wall lights beside a door, place both at about **60 to 65 inches** from the ground. For balanced scale, each fixture should be at least one-quarter the height of the door.

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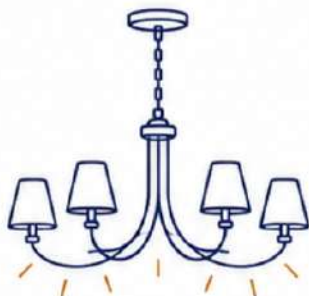
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LAYERED LIGHTING

The three types every room needs.



1. AMBIENT LIGHTING

Overall illumination that allows a room to function comfortably.

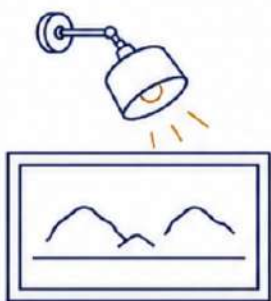
Examples: recessed lights, flush mounts, chandeliers, ceiling fans with lights.



2. TASK LIGHTING

Focused light for specific activities.

Examples: pendants over an island, vanity lights, bedside reading sconces, desk lamps.



3. ACCENT LIGHTING

Lighting that adds depth and highlights architectural or decorative features.

Examples: picture lights, wall washers, cabinet lighting, landscape uplighting.



The most inviting rooms combine all three layers instead of relying on one central ceiling fixture.

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BEFORE YOU BUY A LIGHT FIXTURE

A quick checklist for beautiful, functional results.



1. Color temperature:

Choose 2700K to 3000K for most living spaces.



2. CRI:

Look for at least 80 CRI, with 90+ CRI preferred for kitchens, bathrooms, closets, and areas where color accuracy matters.



3. Brightness:

Compare lumens, not just wattage.



4. Dimming:

Confirm the fixture, bulbs, dimmer, and LED driver are all compatible.



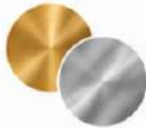
5. Bathroom safety:

Use damp-rated fixtures near sinks and wet-rated fixtures where direct water exposure is possible.



6. Fixture scale:

Measure the room, ceiling height, table, island, mirror, or bed before ordering.



7. Finish coordination:

Repeat one or two finishes throughout the home rather than mixing too many metals.



8. Sample before installing:

Turn on one fixture or bulb first to confirm the color temperature works with paint, flooring, cabinetry, and natural light.

A well-chosen fixture should look beautiful both on and off.

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