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## Coldplay lights will guide you home

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It is also available in other shades of candy color, such as orange, mint green and yellow. \$190; 3 out of 10 Grande Dame Pottery Barn's Gothic Lantern is a lean, medium, stylish lighting machine to its sophisticated iron finish. \$269; 4 out of 10 Orange Crush In a sunny color and a simple, fluid shape, Jonathan Adler's Capri Bottle pendant just adds the right amount of punch. \$195. JonathanAdler 5 of 10 Fresh Mix Sleek chrome hardware paired with a peppy citrus stripe gives The Summer rejuvenation pendant a home in both urban and rustic style kitchens. 254 dollars. 6 out of 10 Mighty Metal is made that CB2's District pendant-made brass, iron and aluminum-manages to look so factory-chic yet sweet? Perhaps the rough exterior benefits from the shade of opaque glass, which emits a soft glow. \$299; 7 out of 10 Unusual Orbs unusual but not over-the-top, Artimide in the form of balloon Sconce boasts a shade of hand-blown glass to diffuse the incandescent light exposed inside. \$495. 8 out of 10 As the world turns strong, the stoic liberal sconce from Rejuvenation emits light in all directions, ensuring an honest look (but not scary like that, thanks to opaque glass). \$165. 9 out of 10 Smooth Operator Lamps Plus sconce from their downtown Collection takes a classic approach with elegant lines and just a hint of glam. \$118; 10 of 10 Luxury Lodge ebony wood, antique brass, a shade of my underwear-oh! Jonathan Adler's Ventana sconce will add an upscaset-male heat to the bathroom. \$195. 5 Splurge-Worthy Bath Fixtures Advertising – Continue reading Below This content is created and maintained by a third party, and imported on this page to help users provide their email addresses. You may be able to find more information about this and similar content in piano.io Bring more light to your home with these tips. From light bulbs and switches to lighting fixtures and lamps, simple modifications will help illuminate things. Difficulty: Average Time Required: Varies Installation dimmer on as many lamps and luminaires as you can. In the bathroom, you can create a soothing mood for bathing. A bedroom gets more romantic. You will have control over the intensity of the light around the house and save energy at the same time. For dark corners, use metal can up-lights. They can be purchased in a variety of styles and just need to be connected with light pointing to the dark area. They are small and work great in a potted floor plant or on top of a chest or cupboard. Be sure to camouflage the fastening and just enjoy the light. Install sub-cabinet light strips in the kitchen, office area, or workroom. The light will shine directly on the work area and will make any task easier. Turn them off when you leave work. Add a decorative lamp to a shelf. It will not only break the long line of cards, but make it easier to find what you are looking for. Place a small decorative lamp in the kitchen or bathroom, hidden in a corner. (Make sure you keep it away from any water!) It can serve as a night light, but also be decorative. Make sure that every room in your home has a light connected to a blurring wall switch at the entrance. You'll be able to turn it on when you enter the room, then adjust the lighting to find the way. If table space is limited, install a reading light on the wall next to the bed or sun lounger. Reading will be a pleasure! Remove boring ceiling fixtures and install can lights around the room. While you might need to bring in professional help for that, it will be well worth it! You can direct light to illustrations, read workspaces, or workspaces. Light up your artwork with small bodies attached to the top. There are several styles designed just for lighting art. Find them at a local home center, attach it to the art frame, and connect to the wall. Install a dimming wall switch to control the light and fan on a ceiling fan. For more comfort, purchase and schedule a remote control to turn on and off the light or fan. Install a motion sensor on outdoor luminaires to control light when people go too close to home. Or, at a dark hallway or staircase, or in the garage or attic, so you don't have to enter space in the dark. Add a light sensor to an outdoor light. You'll have light when it's dark outside, but the light will go out at dawn. Use a lamp, up-light, and ceiling fixing all in one room. Light layers will add interest and provide many lighting options. Make sure you keep the bulbs clean with dust frequently. The light will be cleaner, too. prettydomesticated / Instagram One of the most important rooms of your home (in terms of attention to lighting) is the living room. A layered lighting layout that allows multiple intensities and lighting levels is perfect for this space, so you can adjust the mood after necessary. This stunning vaulted living room at prettydomesticated features a declaration-making chandelier, but it also has recessed lighting and lamps to provide the best lighting. Continue with 3 of 11 below. We've all been in rooms that feel good. They have a palpable, comfortable atmosphere that makes you want to lift your legs and stay for a while. Beyond the practicality of light, which is that we need it to see, the lighting scheme in your home has a great influence on the personality of a room. You're the one who's going to be the one who You want a bright light over your head shining down on an intimate party or a single lamp lighting a space where you're trying to make a project. The main purpose of the lighting design is to insert different degrees of light into a room, which are called layers. If you only have direct sources of light, it will make a space feel dark and gloomy. And if you light the room evenly, without contrast, the room will appear flat and uninvited. Lighting is all about creating interest and visual drama, and these layers of light are parts of the whole that create the ultimate ambience. Read on to be lit about lighting your home. Contents The purpose of ambient light is to create a diffuse light level, right in a room, and is the first place to start when creating a lighting scheme. Ambient light can also refer to a lighting scheme as a whole, but for our purposes, we talk about ambient light sources. The source usually comes from lights on the ceiling, although sometimes table lamps or floor can do the trick. Aerial light sources can be a lonely bright light, such as a ceiling or a pendant light, or more lights, such as line illumination or recessed boxes. These smaller lights all work together to create the main source of light, but the difference is that they can be intended to different areas of the room to enter all corners and crannies. Most overhead lights use incandescent bulbs, which are cheap and come in a variety of watts. Compact fluorescent bulbs also came on stage as alternative green southerly that cost a little more but last considerably more than their incandescent counterparts. They also have the advantage of being recyclable, while regular bulbs are not. The downside is that fluorescent lights have a reputation for unattractive light casting, but manufacturers are continually working to improve this. No matter what bulb you use, overhead lighting is practical, but it can be garish, so ambient light sources need to be supplemented with other types of lights to provide contrast. In the next section, we'll talk about accent lighting. Advertising Accent lights are directional lights whose main purpose is to provide visual separation in a room. There are secondary lights in a room, and as a rule they should be three to five times brighter than the ambient light level [source: Lights]. Wall-mounted bodies, would be sconces, are a good example of accent lights, as well as table and floor lamps. For example, a chandelier in the dining room would provide ambient light, and one or more wall sconces would be accent lights. Another use of accent lighting is to present a feature in a room, be a painting or a collection. You've probably seen that at art museums. Ambient light is usually dim, which evokes peace and tranquility, and the lights accentuate the paintings, keeping you focused on art. You can do this in your home, too, and it doesn't have to be fine art. If you have a big, beautiful beautiful you want to highlight, you can put a reflector on the floor behind it and let the light bounce off its leaves, creating shadows and drama. Usually, a reflector or flood light is used to accentuate an object, although track lights also work in certain applications. Higher-power incandescent bulbs are often used in table lamps and wall lights for accented lighting, and halogen lamps are mainly used in spotlights. Advertising Task Lighting provides primary light in a room, and is ideally six to 10 times brighter than ambient light. It is used to increase illumination over ambient levels at workspaces, and carefully chosen load lighting can minimize the need for overhead lights, which is useful in energy conservation. The term lighting load appeared visibly in the vernacular, as home renovations all became anger. The task of lighting for our ancestors often consisted of a lonely light bulb in a utility office lamp, but now the options are limitless. It is a key element in the kitchen and office, where specific tasks requiring proper light are prevented. It is also useful in the living room for projects, or in the bedroom for reading, and helps avoid eye strain. There are many different types of lights that perform the job of a light load. Sub-cabinet lights are useful for kitchen tasks because usually your shadow gets in the way of the ambient light source. Office lamps or desk lamps are useful in the office, and table lamps with high watt bulbs work well in the living room and bedroom. Halogen lights are ideal for illuminating tasks because they are energy efficient and produce a clean, clear light that renders precise colors. The downside is that they tend to burn hot, so calculating for hours under a halogen bulb could produce a sweat bead or two. Advertising When asked to describe their most coveted space, many homeowners are quick to throw adjectives would be light and airy. Natural light is extremely desirable light in a home, simply because it makes everything look appealing. Lighting schemes based on natural light are called daylight, and builders and architects receive more requests than ever before implementing it in new constructions. Maybe it's because we spend a lot of our busy hours sitting in an inside desk, but we haven't evolved that way. Daylighting keeps us in touch with the outdoors and time of day, and studies have found that people working in natural light are more productive [source: Mother Earth News]. There are other benefits for natural light, too, would be an energy saving if you don't need to turn on the lights. But making the best use of natural light is more detailed than throwing open curtains and embracing the sun's rays. Blindness can be a problem if the sun shines directly, or even indirectly, in the room. Heat also needs to be managed, which is usually best done with curtains or shades. Painting a room a light, reflective color can help amp up natural natural and the best ceiling color to fill the light is the whitest you can find. Advertising People are incorporating much more outdoor living into their lives at home, and for this reason, outdoor lighting needs to be addressed with the same principles as indoor lighting. Ambient, accent and lighting task all serve their purpose in an outdoor lighting plan. Accent lights can be used to highlight certain features in the yard. Smaller trees are large showpieces in a reflector, and larger trees can reflect light back into the yard. Flower beds benefit from ground lighting, which adds drama and beauty to the courtyard scene. And if you get itching to do a little gardening at night, ground lights can also provide a good lighting task. Advertising If you have a deck with built-in chairs, downlights add the feeling of candlelight to an intimate scenario. You don't want to over-light, so a good rule of thumb is to come up with a lighting scheme that mimics moonlight. You can choose from a variety of solar lights that are charged by sunlight, or low voltage lights that connect to the electricity in your home. Solar lights are usually less expensive, but they also don't give as much light. Low voltage lights are more expensive and require additional equipment, but provide much more light. Holidays – and especially Christmas – come to life through the light. Whether you are trying to create a fun, festive or more intimate atmosphere, both can be easily achieved by selecting indoor and outdoor lighting. Colored lights strung out can incite instant cheerleading in those about to enter your home; Follow inside with festive lighting on the tree, plus splashy accent lighting. Accent lighting can be anything from string lights to illuminated pine garland to strategically placed deer blinking. For a more discreet and elegant look, swap colored threads for white lights, plus include accents such as candles, lanterns and lighting, both near the fireplace and on the exterior steps. Finally, tuck into some elements with metallic finishes next to lights or candles, which will cause a bright, shimmering aura. Advertising All the lighting we've discussed so far has been intended for ambience, but lighting for security is an important issue as well. This encompasses everything from scaring potential thieves and destructive animals to bright areas and objects that can cause you or your guests to stumble. Some people think security lighting is an easy thing -- just slap a bright, motion-controlled light near your house, and maybe throw some lights along the walkway. But getting good results requires a little more than Note these points when planning security lighting: Advertising To ward off thieves and attackers, it's better to install a medium-intensity shielded light rather than a super-bright light. You may feel safer with a bright light, but it will inhibit to see who's there or what's going on. A dimmer will allow you to write down descriptions, license plates, etc. for the authorities if necessary [source: Residentent Landscape Lighting & Design]. Motion detectors are excellent for both security lighting and energy management, as they only continue when there is movement in the area. Position them high enough – ideally, under the eaves – so they can't be easily deactivated or destroyed by intruders, and in a downward position so that you don't illuminate the entire block. And remember animals and blowing objects can start them, not just intruders. Do a few checks before you actually install the security bodies. Will a bright light hit you in the face when you open the front door, or do you blind your guests when they get out of their cars? Can you hide a not-so-beautiful light in your landscaping? If you're just trying to keep wild cats out of the backyard, do you really want lights around the whole house [source: Hannigan]? Many people overlook the use of reflective objects -- such as mirrors, crystal and glass -- adding light to their homes. If placed properly, such objects can go a long way towards illuminating a room. Floor-to-ceiling mirrors, for example, can really make dark rooms easier, plus make them look bigger. Smaller mirrors can be laid over mantels, or hung on the wall as images, to throw back smaller amounts of light [source: The Telegraph]. For small sequins, the mirrored place cased on tables or in dark corners. Much smaller crystals are large at catching the sun and casting it playfully around a room. You can purchase reflective crystals -- often prisms -- for just a few dollars, and you can place one or more in a window or two. They can be clear or any color you want [source: The Telegraph]. Advertising and not forgetting the fireplace. Firelight is magical as it is, but you can also purchase reflective fireplace glass that you sprinkle at the base of the fire. The glass pieces are thicker than the regular fire bottle, which gives the flames more surface

to reflect off of, resulting in a delightful, light dancing. Like crystals, they come in a variety of colors [source: Blazing Glass]. Like paint, lighting can dramatically change the feeling of a room. And you probably don't want to get the same feelings in every room of your house. Want to create a comfortable space? Add a lot of reading lamps to the room, and sconces wall or torchieres, which creates a warm glow. A fireplace always causes a comforting feeling as well. To encourage an energetic mood, you want to coupling the bright ambient lighting with the illumination of highly concentrated tasks. Lighting embedded strips, for example, is high in popular combined office-library for home offices. And multi-light bulb bodies make a whole room brighter, allowing you to easily see the details, either in a cake you decorate or in a miniature railway that you assemble. Do you need a romantic hideout? Nix aerial lights instead of several lamps with warm or dark shades. If you add sconces, put them smaller on the wall than normal; this will make the ceiling look smaller and the room cosier. And don't forget these all-important dimmer switches [source: GE Lighting]. Advertising Similar to mood lighting, the use of designer lighting can change the feel of a room. But while ambient lighting changes the feel of a room -- from, say, energetic to romantic -- designer lighting changes the personality or style of a room. A good example is the new popular man cave, a room for the man in the house that is usually filled with sports and drinking memorabilia, a huge TV and probably a foosball table, pool table or dartboard. Add to the personality of this room with designer lighting, would be sports lamps and, if the room includes a bar, a neon sign. Is the baby on its way? Prepare the nursery by installing colorful gumdrop pendant lights over the changing table and probably a bunny table lamp. For the night light? Maybe a smiling moon. But designer lighting doesn't have to be quite that specific. If you have a modern house with elegant, contemporary lines, look for the same thing in lighting to carry through the same style. Install a light bubble pendant plate over the kitchen table, for example, or a lighting system with parapet curved over your island. Bodies with geometric shapes and natural materials are what you are looking for. Not surprisingly, it is the opposite for those who favor a traditional style house. Look for pieces, such as ornate chandeliers, bodies with painted finishes, bronze or brushed tin and general elegance [source: Kichler]. The British standardized what it means for an item to be sterling silver way back into the 14th century. But can you tell if something's sterling or not? Brilliant glass. 1/2 bottle of reflective fire. (12 January 2012) Kathy. Home Decoration: Choosing the right lights for your appearance and needs. Myinteriordecorator.com, 2007. . to warm your holiday home with festive lighting. (10 January 2012) lighting. The mood of lighting. (10 January 2012) Elizabeth. The most efficient outdoor security lights. Home & Garden Ideas. January 18, 2011. (January 10, 2012) To Get The Best Home Lighting. Channel4.com, October 6, 2008. Light bulbs Inside. Lightbulbs.org, 2009. . Traditional. (January 12, 2012) Glen. Dos and Don'Ts [sic] For Holiday lights. MiNeeds. November 17, 2009. (10 January 2012) 1st Home and Garden Guide, 2009. Megan. Bright ideas for home lighting. Mother Earth News, April/ May 2007. Kimberly. Decorative lighting for the house. (January 20, 2012) Landscape Lighting & Design. Outdoor Security Lights & Lighting Security Information. (10 January 2012) Task Lighting. Utility savings initiative fact sheet. North Carolina State Energy Office. February 2004. Telegraph. 50 ways to improve your home: lighting. March 25, 2008. (10 January 2012) Professional Lighting Tips. HGTV.com, 2009. Types of lighting. Sylvania.com, 2009. Bill. Low voltage exterior lighting. DiyLife.com, January 26, 2008. is the lighting load? Wisegeek.com, 2009. 2009.

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