



## Lighting

**The best lighting design consists of layers of light coming from a variety of interesting and unexpected sources** – recessed lights, table and floor lamps and accent plant or art lights are excellent examples. Lighting sets the mood and highlights the interesting details in your home. It works best when it compliments the physical spaces set up for the different things we do in the different areas of our homes. All of the lights should be on dimmers. Here are some examples:

1. **Kitchens** – here you will want lighting that balances function with the aesthetic. Kitchens require lighting for space to work, clean, eat and entertain. Countertop lighting, cook top lighting and general lighting from recessed incandescent fixtures work well. In addition, uplighting above cabinets, pendant lighting, chandeliers, cabinet lighting, toe-kick lighting and decorative spot lighting add interest and diversity.
2. **Wine Room** – here there is a need to take lighting heat and UV factors into account so fine wine is not adversely affected. Soft ambient lighting, rope lighting or backlit stained glass are good choices.
3. **Media theaters** – when you design for this room, think of your local theater and the lighting you see there. Recessed MR16 fixtures work well for general lighting and the spotlighting of the curtain. Sconces can be decorative, adding interest and gentle light to walls. Pathway lighting can add interest and provide for safety for family and guests.