

LIGHTING TIPS FROM NANCY AT BUILDERS LIGHTING

For over 25 years, Nancy Brewer, owner of Builders Lighting, has been helping the people in and around Charlottesville bring light to their homes and businesses. After all, says Nancy, lighting is the jewelry for your home.

At Builders Lighting, customer service is all-important. Nancy and her highly trained staff stand able and ready to assist with those all-important lighting decisions. Below are some tips from “The Lighting Goddess.”

Layer Your Kitchen Lighting

So many of us love to cook and entertain in our kitchen. Often, however, the light output in the kitchen is not enough to perform the needed tasks, or it may be too bright to feel comfortable with guests. What to do?

To really enjoy your kitchen, consider layering your lighting - use several types of lighting in layers, so to speak. One basic rule of efficient lighting is to put light where you need it. For example you may want to start with the ceiling. Your choices can be recessed cans, flush mounted fixtures, fluorescent clouds or track lighting.

Then, consider lighting your workspace by using task lighting as in under-cabinet lighting to help with food preparation and even toe- kick space lighting. The next layer might include mini-pendants over the island or kitchen sink, or a larger fixture over the kitchen table. For softer light, consider using wall sconces. Make

sure you use dimmers, which set the mood, enable you to hide those dirty dishes and which allow you and your guests to enjoy that glass of wine or cup of coffee at the end of the day. Questions? Email us, call or consider bringing in your plans for expert advice.

Chandeliers and Ceiling Medallions

When selecting a chandelier you will need to decide on the finish, style and size of your fixture. You should also take into consideration the weight of the fixture. Proper mounting hardware is usually included with the fixture. Extra bracing in the ceiling

may be necessary when hanging a heavy chandelier. Chandeliers are not only for the dining room and foyer; they can also be hung in bedrooms, hallways and kitchens - any place you want to make a statement. Make a bold statement in a master suite with a beautiful mini chandelier. Remember in the absence of light, there is no color. Chandeliers create a dramatic mood for the home and add grace and elegance. Chandeliers represent style, warmth and a most important source of light.

Please look at some of our wonderful chandelier lines such as Elegant Lighting, Framburg, Hinkley, Minka Lavery, Murray Feiss and Quoizel to mention a few. Have you thought of accenting your chandelier with a ceiling medallion? Most medallions can be painted and decorated using your favorite colors, or you can use them just as they are. One of our top lines, Capital, also offers metal medallions, which are very unique. Do you need help in selecting the right size chandelier or medallion for your room?

Please feel free to contact Nancy Brewer at Builders Lighting for any questions you may have about lighting. She gladly shares from her many years of experience. Call 97-LIGHT (434-975-4448) or e-mail at builderslightingllc@earthlink.net.

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