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choose the right lighting

Andrea D'Cruz, interior designer for RLDesign, says:

how to

✦ **CREATE A LAYERING EFFECT** with lighting so your eye is drawn to different points of interest. For example, if your artwork is the most significant thing in the room, use directional lighting to make it a focal point. Then, perhaps, use a lamp to highlight a feature chair as your second point of interest.

✦ **ALWAYS LOOK TO ILLUMINATE SURFACES**, such as walls and ceilings, rather than just having an oyster light in the middle of the room. Downlighting the centre of a space creates a pool of light on the floor and that's all.

✦ **BY HIGHLIGHTING WALLS**, especially feature walls, or flooding the ceiling with light you enhance the feeling of space. This is a particularly good trick for low ceilings (if you've got a nice ceiling, of course). You can use uplights or pendants – just about any source of light – to achieve this.

✦ **USE LAMPS FOR TASK LIGHTING**, for example beside a reading chair. This adds a sculptural element to the room and creates a mood. In dark rooms, a lamp's glow can be dramatic. It can also play down the atmosphere in a brighter room.

“Creating a light scheme that makes us feel comfortable is like making a personal perfume: a base note of low-level lighting, a mid-note with brighter back-up lights and the top note, the focal point” ~ UK style guru Ilse Crawford