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Lamps - Not Just For Reading!

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Table lamps and floor lamps are highly practical, directing light for reading and other tasks. However, apart from being functional, they are also decorative and add beautiful visual aesthetic to a space. Every room needs a variety of lighting sources and consequently, lamp heights. Lamps ideal for task lighting also serve to highlight a space or provide ambiance.

Although floor lamps concentrate light for reading, they also serve as decorative furniture or art. Floor lamps highlight areas of a room and are ideal for small spaces such as hallways and entryways. Make sure to get the scale right for the space. If your furniture is oversized, do not choose a slender and frail light fixture – it will get lost in the room.

When designing for our clients, lighting is never an afterthought. A beautifully situated floor lamp serves as a design element

that is sculptural and attractive in a space. It adds height, color, and a splash of a metal finish (chrome/gold) which creates an overall visual appeal.

While tall table lamps add elegance to any room, smaller lamps can also stand alone with the right shade and style. Just make sure that you cannot see the light bulb socket or neck of the bulb when standing or sitting. In addition, before choosing your table lamp, decide if you want a lamp that





complements the decor or adds its own design element to the space.

The proper lampshade can transform a basic lamp into exceptional decor. You do not necessarily need to use the lampshade that came with the lamp. Instead, mix and match shades to see what works best. If necessary, add a shade riser or extender to the top of the lamp hardware, raising the height of the shade. For a large assortment of lamp options visit Royal Lighting in Toronto. They have a vast array of the latest finishes and styles so you can find the perfect lamp to complete the space.

Choosing lighting for a room is a talent in itself. As a professional designer, I have the skill and talent to coordinate and enhance your home and ensure that you start with a good lighting plan. The proper light will completely change the way you view your space. Whether on a console table at the front hall, a sofa table, side table or even make up table, a little light can make a bold statement.



Tips:

- ✓ Mix your lamp bases but keep the shades consistent in design. Drum shades work great for contemporary spaces while tulip or flute-style lampshades work best with traditional decor.
- ✓ Know where to place your floor lamps. For instance, arcing floor lamps provide dramatic aesthetic but are best suited for corners.

- ✓ Add additional outlets throughout the space. Never string a lamp cord across a rug, the look is unfinished and sloppy. When designing a newly built home, consider lamp locations and ask your contractor or designer for a floor mounted outlet. This makes plugging in floor lamps and side table lamps clean and seamless.



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