

Let There Be Light — 10 Lighting Tricks That Will Transform Any Dark Room Into A Warm and Inviting Space



Shine a light on shelving and architectural features.
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2. Don't Rely on a Single Ceiling Light

If possible, plan your lighting scheme at the start of your project, as this will ensure every part of your room is properly lit. Caroline Milns, head of interior design at Zulufish, offers this tip: “Think of lighting as you would when layering patterns or combining materials: each element adds depth and flexibility to the space, allowing you to adjust the mood and intensity of the light depending on the time of day.”

5. Boost Dark Corners With Portable Lamps

Portable table lamps used as kitchen lighting might seem an unexpected choice, but they are brilliant for creating a more intimate, cozy atmosphere in your kitchen. “Table lamps are especially effective in kitchens where lighting tends to be dominated by overhead sources,” adds Caroline of Zulufish.

What Colors Can Brighten a Dark Room?

Lighting plays a crucial role in setting the mood and functionality of a room, especially in darker spaces. For a well-lit dark room, the key is to layer lighting instead of relying on one overhead source.

That said, it's important not to ignore ceiling task lighting as it's still essential for everyday function. "Because it can be quite utilitarian, it's worth incorporating a statement piece, such as a pendant or chandelier, to provide both visual impact and added functionality," says Caroline at Zulufish.



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