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Color and Paint News

TODAY'S TREND in interiors is to combine color hues to create a space that reflects your style whether it is classic, modern, simple, natural, familiar or exotic.

Here are a few color palettes to try from Benjamin Moore's new Aura paint collection.

Eclectic Chic: Bonne Nuit plum, Elemental khaki, Angelica grey, Sanctuary mauve.

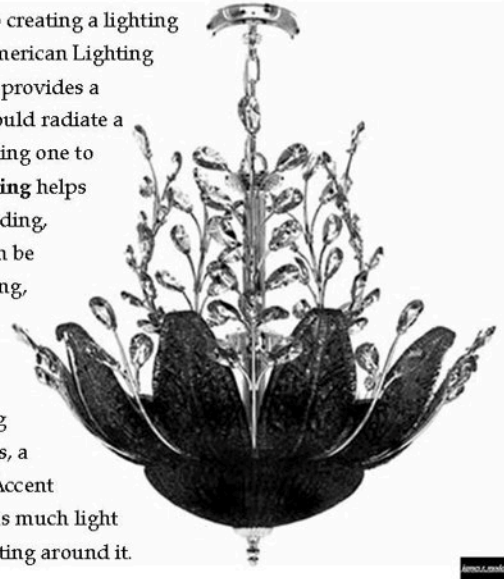
Pure Harmony: Serenata blue, Jicama yellow, Seedling green, Steam white.

Global Artisan: Oat Straw tan, Subtle cream, Tea Room rose, Wenge brown.

Bright Ideas on Lighting

THERE ARE THREE KEY COMPONENTS to creating a lighting design, according to experts at the American Lighting Association (ALA). **General lighting** provides a space with overall illumination. It should radiate a comfortable level of brightness, enabling one to see and walk about safely. **Task lighting** helps you perform specific jobs, such as reading, cooking, homework or hobbies. It can be provided by recessed and track lighting, pendant lighting and lamps.

Accent lighting adds drama by creating visual interest. It should be used as an element of your decorating plan to highlight paintings, sculptures, a fireplace or other objects of interest. Accent lighting requires at least three times as much light on the focal points as the general lighting around it.



TIPS FOR SELECTING A FIXTURE.

Chandeliers add sparkle and style while providing general light. Use in bedrooms, dining rooms, foyers or over a living room grouping. Bottom of the chandelier should be about 60" from the floor.

Pendants provide both task and general lighting. Equipped with shades or globes to avoid glare, they are suspended from the ceiling.

Wall-mounted fixtures can furnish general, task and accent lighting. Many are designed to match and supplement dining room chandeliers, or to provide hallway, bedroom or living room lighting.

Portable lamps deliver general, task and accent lighting, while giving you the flexibility to move the light. Table lamps, floor lamps and torchiers are available in a variety of styles.

Recessed lighting provides general, task or accent lighting inconspicuously. Installed in the ceiling, recessed fixtures can be used anywhere.

Undercabinet/undershelf fixtures offer task and accent lighting. Under kitchen cabinets, they light a countertop. In a display cabinet, they show off prized possessions.

Track lighting can provide general, task or accent lighting all at once in one flexible lighting system. You can move, swivel, rotate and aim the individual fixtures, giving you the versatility to change the lighting scheme.