

Indoor Lighting Evolves

There is no doubt that today's modern home decor is in the process of a dramatic evolution.

Traditional items such as chandeliers are being used in new and creative ways in order to establish a simple elegance.

Traditional Chandeliers Finding Modern Uses In Today's Home Design

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When designers created interior spaces for homes over the last four decades, the foyer and the dining room were the 'no-doubt' targets for chandelier use. As homeowners look to create more personalized interior spaces, according to the American Lighting Association (ALA), lighting designers are beginning to use chandeliers as high-impact statements in everything from bedrooms to closets.

Function

By its nature, the sparkling personality of the chandelier demands immediate attention. Because the chandelier naturally pulls the eye up and around a room, there is the opportunity to create a dynamic experience by adding additional visual interest to any space.

Distinction

The size and shape are the first aspect to consider for any chandelier. The fixture's color and the featured crystals will create the immediate impact, but elements such as the arms of a fixture can also create distinction. According to the ALA, the shapes and colors of nature will have an impact in the foreseeable future when it comes to unique chandelier design. Look for wood, stone and metals to be utilized in new and interesting ways.

Considerations

- Don't hang chandeliers too high
- Match fixture size to room size
- Consider how you will access to clean
- Don't be afraid of unique fixture arms

Take The Leap

In particular, today's homes showcase huge bathrooms and master bedrooms. These spaces often have beautifully vaulted ceilings, perfect for a chandelier. When you have a room that represents more than just a place to sleep, including relaxing and reading areas, there is a great opportunity to make a personal statement. Bathrooms have become larger, and guest areas are not just throwaway spaces anymore. That means that decorating these spaces is no longer an afterthought either.

