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DESIGN TIPS 2

LIGHTMASTER PROVIDES ILLUMINATING TIPS ON HOW TO GET THE BEST POSSIBLE FAVOURITE ROOMS

Last month it was kitchens and bathrooms. This month Lightmaster Direct, with their huge wealth of experience in the lighting world, offer the second in a series of design tips where specialist technical advice is needed - this time it ranges from swimming pools to sitting rooms.

Games Room

Pool and snooker tables are becoming more popular and these need specialist lighting to ensure adequate and even lighting across the table. Traditional snooker table lights are considered old-fashioned nowadays but there are a number of contemporary style light fittings which can do an even better job. Lightmaster have also designed and manufactured bespoke pendants for this application. Games Rooms are often multi-activity so the lighting must be designed to cater for all activities which are envisaged, including possible use as a Home Cinema.



Bedroom

Reading in bed is a favourite occupation which needs special consideration. Often you will want to read but your partner will want to sleep, so be careful not to use bedside lights which create too much glare. Bedside wall-lights are an excellent way of keeping clutter off your bedside table.

Background lighting in a bedroom can be created by downlights or, sometimes, with a feature pendant and wall lights. You need these to be dimmable so you can vary the lighting level between 'bright and functional' for getting dressed and 'soft and intimate' for preparing for bed at the end of the day. This ambient lighting can be enhanced by feature lighting of pictures and curtains.

Sitting Room

This is another multi-activity room as reading, relaxing, watching TV and entertaining all happen in here so you need to plan your lighting accordingly. You'll need both sufficient background lighting for general use specific task lighting for reading. But for a really sophisticated and dramatic effect, consider having your pictures and works of art lit as well. Consider too how much of the lighting you want to be concealed and whether you want to use feature table lamps and maybe even a feature pendant to create atmosphere.

Moods in this room will vary from 'relax and unwind' to 'get up and party' and this is where programmable scene-setting control comes into its own. This allows you to move seamlessly between the different moods, creating the atmosphere you want whenever you want it at the touch of a button.

Swimming Pool

Because of the humidity levels there are specific regulations relating to lighting in, around and over the pool, so it is essential that you seek specialist advice. Give consideration to functional lighting for when the pool is actually being used and to decorative lighting for when it is not in use but still visible from elsewhere within the house.

Swimming pool installers will often fit large, very bright floodlights within the pool turning the pool into a massive lightbox. At Lightmaster we prefer more discreet lighting in the pool itself, often using LEDs, which ensures that lighting around and above the pool is not overpowered. If above the pool is not overpowered. If you're using poolside lights make sure they are cool-running as hot lights and bare feet do not mix well!



Look out for the next Lightmaster Design Tips coming soon and exclusive to Cotswold Life.

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