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# Remodel with lighting

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chandelier over a table in an adjacent dining area.

In the bedroom, don't just put a fixture in the middle of the room. Consider lighting grooming areas at a dressing table, light for reading in bed, valance lighting to expand the visual size of the room and enhance draperies, and perhaps a chandelier or pendant over a table for late at night suppers, or catching up on tasks brought home from the office away from the distractions in other home areas. Fixtures suspended from the ceiling save all your table space for your work.

If your remodeling doesn't include restructuring walls, track lighting is easy to install and very flexible. It can be ceiling or wall-mounted and many decorative styles and sizes are available. Single, double, or triple spot fixtures are another good and flexible choice.

**In the Living Room**

Recessed downlights can form or define a special area within a space. For example: the downlights can be positioned to surround a furniture grouping, such as facing sofas or a grouping of three or four chairs, thus forming an intimate conversational area with, perhaps, a cocktail table in between.

The downlights should be positioned over the front or back edge of the seats, not over the center. The light surrounding this special area must be dimmer so it doesn't intrude, although brighter light may be in farther places in the room.

**Chandeliers**

Nothing will more dramatically enhance a dining room than the addition of a chandelier if you don't already have one, or the replacement of an older style fixture with something new and different.

A chandelier hung over a table should be 12 inches smaller in diameter than the smallest table dimension. How high over a table used for eating? The lowest part of the fixture should be no less than 2 feet 6 inches above the tabletop. When remodeling in a dining room, also consider the addition of wall scones to match the chandelier.

**Lighting for Senior Citizens**

Sad but true, our eyesight lessens with time. If you are remodeling your home to accommodate an older parent or relative, take this fact into consideration. Besides the over-all lighting in the senior's apartment or room, make certain stairs are clearly visible, especially at night, and that provision is made in their living area for sufficient light for reading, needlework or other hobbies.

For handwork, such as needlepoint where there is little contrast to much small detail, older eyes need 200 to 300 watt standard voltage, or a 50 watt standard voltage, or a 50 watt low-voltage incandescent bulb in a lamp or fixture. Make sure the lamp, or fixture, has this capacity.

**Obey the Rules**

Whether you employ a professional or are doing some of your own remodeling, always follow codes for installation, as well as manufacturer's instructions.

# Get more closet space

Furniture placement can be a pain, especially in rooms that have lots of closets. Enough space has to be left around the closet doors so they don't bump into the furniture whenever they are opened.

One solution to the problem is to remove some of the furniture. Another is to use sliding or folding wood louver doors. Sliding doors take up no floor space. They are mounted on runners and slide back and forth. Folding doors use only half the floor space of ordinary swing-out doors.

Wood louver doors come either fully louvered or with louvers in the top half and wood panels in the lower half. In

addition to taking up less floor space, wood louver doors provide ventilation to keep closets fresh and free of mildew.

**Ready to Install**

Available in stock sizes at local home centers, lumber yards or building supply centers, wood louver doors come with tracks and hardware for effortless operation and easy installation by do it yourselfers. They can be varnished or stained to bring out the warmth of the natural wood grain or they can be painted to complement or contrast with other room colors.