

## *Kitchen Lighting*

Kitchen is the one of the crucial project when you do remodeling or building a new house. We invest a lot of money into a kitchen in this modern world. The lighting is the finishing touch, your entire kitchen speaks itself when you do it right.

The lighting needs to be functional to perform the variety of tasks. Activities in a modern kitchen are more diverse than ever before. To meet the all different lighting needs, you need to consider following:

- 1) Task lighting
- 2) Accent lighting
- 3) General lighting



The task lighting is the areas of the kitchen that you need the most light when you work. The common areas are counter tops area including island or peninsula, range area, sink area. We recommend liner task lighting under the wall cabinets and a lighting fixture above a sink. The liner under cabinet light gives a light on the countertop evenly and eliminates dark spots. It also showcase the backsplash as well. The lighting directly above a sink is another area needs dedicated task light with a separate switch either with a simple fixture or a recessed can. Pendants or recessed cans (or both ) will be a great choice for an island or peninsula. If you pick the pendants for the look, you need to consider amount of light you get from them. A diameter and a height of the pendants are important factor how they fill your space and consider odd numbers quantity over the area.

Accenting lighting is over the island or peninsula, inside glass cabinets and top of the glass wall cabinets which creates moods of the overall area. Especially, if your kitchen area gets really dark in the night or your kitchen doesn't have dimensions, a little thing like lighting inside the glass wall cabinets or lighting above the wall cabinets give the area uplifting glow. When you use pendants as an accenting lighting, install a dimmer to the circuit helps to create more moods to your kitchen.

General lighting is over head lighting. It could be a fixture to clusters of recessed cans depends on the size of the kitchen. Some time, the lighting fixture you can get could be limited by the ceiling height and or electrical wiring in your ceiling. If you use recessed, some people put recessed cans on even distance from each other like poco dots. This application is not always show the best interest of your kitchen. There are spots of your kitchen where you may require more lights. A vertical pantry will be an example. Be sure talk to somebody who understands overall functionality of your kitchen.



There are various price point fixtures and qualities of fixtures available. When you are shopping around, be sure to talk to a professional person who is capable telling you what kind of light you are getting before you purchase. If you are building a section of your home, there may be a local code you to follow if your project is large enough. If you are encountering difficult situation, you need to visit a lighting showroom and discuss about your lighting needs before your electrician start wiring. We can make suggestions what you could do and you can go back to your electrician to fine tune and meet specific needs for your kitchen.