

A Guide to Hanging Pendant Lamps

When weighing up your options in choosing the right lighting fixture to illuminate your space, consider a pendant to add both overall lighting, task lighting and accent lighting in a room.

Bulbs

Opt for a light diffuser or semi-opaque bulbs to alleviate stark circles of bright light on your tables.

Style

Before you pick out a pendant, consider what kind of room you are going to hang it in. Keep in mind the style, atmosphere and feel of the space – if you've got a modern vibe, you're going to want something sleek and chic such as glass. If you've got a more traditional space, opt for shaded looks.

Size

If your room is small, you don't want a large overbearing pendant to gobble up the space. If your room is large, a small pendant may disappear. Choose wisely!

Location

Avoid blocking views in a room with your pendant, so choose height accordingly. Since pendants provide task lighting as well as overall lighting, place them where your tasks will be completed, such as over a table or counter top.

Length

Typically, pendants should be hung 30-50cm below an 8-foot ceiling with 7cm added per foot. Above a kitchen island, hang a pendant 55-70cm from the top of the counter, measured from the base of the pendant. Above a dining table, hang a pendant 70-82cm from the top of the table, measured from the base of the pendant.