

# LIGHTING 101™

# HINKLEY LIGHTING

FOLLOW THESE **SIMPLE TIPS**  
FOR SIZING AND HANGING A HOME  
FULL OF *lighting fixtures*



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## OUTDOOR lanterns

**ONE LANTERN** should measure about 1/3 the height of your door.

**TWO LANTERNS** should measure about 1/4 the height of the door.

In all cases, the center of the light source should rest approximately 66" above the threshold.

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## FOYER or ENTRY

When determining what type of fixture to hang in your foyer, be advised that the bottom of the fixture should be at least 7' from the floor. If there is a window above the door in a two-story foyer, center the fixture so it can be seen from outside.

**SCONCES** add a layer of light in a large foyer. They should be installed 60" from the floor and approximately 6'-8" apart.

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## BATH and VANITY

**FIXTURES ABOVE THE VANITY** should be at least 24" wide and the center should be mounted 75"-80" from the floor.

**MINI CHANDELIERS** add sparkle to your space if you have a bathroom nook or high powder room ceilings.

**SCONCES FLANKING THE VANITY** allow light to be evenly distributed across your face. The fixtures should be mounted at eye level, approximately 36"-40" apart.

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## dining CHANDELIER

To size a fixture over a dining table, measure the length and width of the room or dining space and add those figures together. The sum converted to inches will equal the right sized chandelier.

**EXAMPLE:** 14' + 20' = 34' 34" when converted to inches 34" diameter chandelier

The bottom of the chandelier should sit approximately 32"-34" above the tabletop.

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## island PENDANTS

A group of pendants is ideal for islands and breakfast bars, with smaller fixtures generally hung in odd numbered groups, and larger pendants in pairs. Keep in mind that the pendants should not prohibit those standing around the island from seeing one another. Every space is different so heights will vary, but pendants should typically be hung with the bottom of the fixture 28"-34" from the countertop.

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## LANDSCAPE lighting

**PATH & AREA LIGHTING** should be installed to enhance landscaping and to safely illuminate pathways. About 6' between each light is a general guideline to follow.

**CONSIDER SAFETY** by illuminating and protecting against unwanted guests with additional lighting in dark areas of your property.

**UPLIGHTING** (illuminating trees or other elements from below) will create soft focal points in the landscaping after the sun goes down. Use a flashlight to test where you'd like the light to hit, then mount the fixtures accordingly. Be sure to mount fixtures out of grass for ease of mowing and other landscaping tasks.

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## BEDROOM basics

**OVERHEAD LIGHTING** such as a central flush, semi-flush mount or chandelier will allow for the general illumination of the room.

**TASK & AMBIENT LIGHTING** such as bedside sconces make for easy reading, but also bounce light off the walls, lending a softer mood and provide a more spacious feeling.

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## MUDROOM

Lighten up your mudroom with the proper sized flush or semi-flush mount fixture.

**8' OR BELOW CEILINGS** are best fitted with a flush mount fixture.

**9' OR 10' CEILINGS** are the perfect height for a semi-flush mount, which typically hangs less than 12" from the ceiling.

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## LAUNDRY room

**OVERHEAD LIGHTING** such as a flush or semi-flush mount provides the main lighting of the room.

**SCONCES** on either side of a laundry tub or folding area act as a decorative form of task lighting.