

Decorating Trends

Maximize Your Home Lighting With Dimmers

(NAPSA)—If your family is like many others in America, you've decreased the size of the living room and made the family room the hub of activity. The family room has become the place for doing homework, relaxing with a book or magazine and watching movies with family and friends.

Each of these activities requires a different look and feel for the room. When doing homework, the kids need bright lights for note taking and problem solving. When relaxing with a book or magazine, the lights should be at a much softer level so you can truly unwind after a tough day. And when it's time to watch a movie, the lights should be on at just 10 percent so you can enjoy the program, yet still find your way in and out of the room for snacks.

The bedroom is another example of a room that requires multiple light levels. Lights need to be bright for getting ready for work, a bit softer for late-night reading and softer yet for romance and midnight trips to the bathroom or kitchen. Flexible lighting is key to creating the right mood.

For many homeowners, the quick fix for changing the look and feel of your rooms is to install a light dimmer. Dimmers let you adjust lights quickly and easily, so you can tailor the lights, and the room, for each activity. And now, light levels can be changed using



DON'T LEAVE LIGHTING IN THE SHADOWS—Dimmers let you tailor the lighting to your activity.

a convenient remote control, so you can transform the family room into a reading nook or home theater with the press of a button.

A good example of how this works is the new Maestro IR remote control dimmer from Lutron Electronics. It can adjust to your favorite light level every time you press the silver button on its sleek remote control. Once you find that special light level for reading in the bedroom or watching TV in the family room, simply press and hold the button to program it—it's that simple. And better yet, you can use either the product's remote control, or a learnable one, to make the lights brighter or softer, or turn them on and off.

To learn more about dimmers, visit www.lutron.com.