

LIGHT UP THE ROOM

Every interior designer will tell you how important lighting is. It's also a way of injecting glamour and personality into a pared-back scheme. Luku Home (020 8943 3683, www.lukuhome.com) is a one-stop shop for many styles of lighting, from retro-inspired lamps to unusual pendants.

David Hunt Lighting (01295 672 200, www.davidhunt-lighting.com) is a good source of unusual finds, like its ammonite table lamps. At Fritz Fryer (01989 567416, www.fritzfryer.co.uk) you can find on-trend industrial-style lighting, such as the glass dome lamps and metal pendants.

"Statement lighting is making a big return with large open shades as a focal point to the room," says Jenny Hurren, owner of Out There Interiors (020 8099 7443, www.outthereinteriors.com). "Our favourites include Peng, a shiny metallic Nordic style pendant and Maginti, an open lab style pendant."

Lovers of contemporary lighting can source designs at King's Road emporium, Christopher Wray (020 7013 0180, www.christopherwray.com). Chris Jordan, managing director, comments: "The perfect

lighting scheme makes a difference when creating a welcoming atmosphere. Choose a wall-mounted uplighter to cast a soft diffused light on the wall and ceiling, most effective when used with a dimmer switch. Add a floor lamp for a warm glow and to brighten dark hallway corners. Consider a light with a statement shade or detailing so it's functional as well as a piece of decorative art."

Renowned for its collection of unusual vintage lighting, Renaissance London (020 7251 8844, www.renaissancelondon.com) founder Owen Pacey says: "Original 1970s lighting gives an original edge to an interior, it's a real design statement. Good quality pieces look very smart. There's a real trend for pieces from this time, especially chandeliers, like sputniks. Pick out individual pieces to create an eclectic look without being 'Del Boy' inspired and choose designed elements from the period rather than the gaudy brown and oranges that were popular back then and it becomes easy to incorporate into the home. Make sure you avoid imitations and stick to one of two smart original designs from the period."



ABOVE Light up the room: add a splash of colour with a statement light such as the Floriss Suspension Light in lime green, £645, from Christopher Wray (020 7013 0180, www.christopherwray.com). **RIGHT** Sayer seahorse table lamp, £177, by David Hunt Lighting (01295 672 200, www.davidhunt-lighting.com).



ABOVE Murano Sputnik Chandelier, £2,600, Renaissance London (020 7251 8844, www.renaissancelondon.com).

RIGHT Groove Light, £195 Stuff of Dreams, www.stuffofdreams.com

LEFT Bubble Table Lamp, £280, Luku Home, (020 8943 3683, www.lukuhome.com)

