



## DECORATOR DATABASE KITCHENS

# EVALUATING LIGHTING

It is impossible to overestimate the importance of a good lighting plan for your kitchen. Many **Floor To Ceiling**<sup>®</sup> stores carry a selection of respected brand names in lighting. Your **Floor To Ceiling**<sup>®</sup> designer can offer valuable assistance in understanding what your kitchen's lighting needs will be and should be able to provide everything you need.

1. Task lighting is directed at a specific area such as on a counter work space, over a breakfast bar or a desk. Well-directed task lighting will provide light without shadows, making preparing meals and other kitchen tasks more pleasant.
2. Ambient lighting is lighting used to create a mood or enhance visual impact in a particular area. Examples of ambient lighting in a kitchen include lighting above cabinets directed at the ceiling or lighting inside a display cabinet.
3. General lighting is usually provided by a central fixture or fixtures in the room.
4. Natural light is an important aspect to consider when planning lighting for your new kitchen. Liberal quantities of natural light via a large expanse of windows or a skylight can minimize the need for extensive general lighting if most kitchen tasks are done during daylight hours. Observe how much natural light is impacting your kitchen during different times of the day and seasons of the year. Also note if more general lighting is needed during evening kitchen tasks in your present kitchen. Let your observations be a guide as you plan lighting for your new kitchen.
5. Select light fixtures that express or enhance the décor theme of your room and are sized in proportion to the area they serve.

Getting the lighting right is fundamental to a kitchen or bath that is both an attractive and comfortable environment. Rely on your **Floor To Ceiling**<sup>®</sup> lighting specialist to assist with creating a lighting plan that will enhance your entire kitchen or bath project.