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10 DESIGN TIPS (Part 1)

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1. *When redesigning a space, first select items with the least amount of options in the market. Paint, as there are a large number of colors to choose from, should be selected last.*
2. *Arrangements of items should always be done in groups of odd numbers. Example: One flower or three flowers in a vase (never just two). The items, however, don't need to be identical.*
3. *As days get shorter, give some thought to your interior lighting. Consider three types: **General lighting** (artificial and natural), **task lighting** (to highlight a specific area) and **accent lighting** (to emphasize, decorate, or add a sparkle to an area).*
4. *Material posing as something it is not lowers the integrity of the space. Example: plastic laminate "wood".*
5. **Universal Design in Action!** *When purchasing door handles or sink faucets consider using the lever type as opposed to knobs. Door and faucet levers require minimal grip strength to operate, and can even be used by a closed fist or elbow.*
6. *Days are short around the Winter Solstice. Brighten your interiors up with some color: Pantone has just announced it's color of the year for 2012. Its Tangerine Tango! Use it as a tablecloth, throw pillows or be brave and paint a wall!*
7. **Focal point.** *Every space needs at least one; every well-designed room always has one or more. A focal point must be dominant to draw attention and interesting enough to encourage the viewer to look further.*
8. *When planning a home office, the best location should include a window. The eye needs a place to rest away from paperwork and computer screens. If a window is not available, hang a painting or photograph of an outdoor scene. Landscape photo by Don Cochran.*
9. *Plants and nature can reduce stress and, in certain circumstances, may have beneficial health-related influences. They add a soft, organic, and restful atmosphere to any interior space.*
10. *Interior designers have long understood how color can dramatically affect moods, feelings and emotions. If you are looking to brighten a room, consider replacing darker objects with lighter ones as light is absorbed by dark colors but is reflected by lighter ones.*