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10 DESIGN TIPS (Part 3)

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1. *Hanging a pendant light fixture or chandelier at the correct height over a dining table (or a work surface) can take a bit of finesse. It will depend on the type and design of the fixture, but a good principle to guide you is to make sure that the fixture/s are low enough that the light bulb is not shining in people's eyes while sitting at the table, but not so low as to block the line of vision across the table. (Note: most people hang them too high!)*
2. *When selecting flooring materials for a basement, make sure to put down the proper under layments specifically made for use in higher moisture environments. Carpeting, laminate (including wood looks), tile, slate and porcelain are all good choices for flooring in basements. (CAD examples: Basement interiors, Pittsford, New York).*
3. *Hanging artwork at the correct height: Certain essential factors should be considered when positioning art on a wall, among them size of room, height of ceiling, the colors and proportion of the art piece and other interior items surrounding it. In addition, most artwork should be hung at an eye level of the standing observer.*
4. *To avoid back pain, carpal tunnel, neck stress and other bodily ailments choose the proper office chair. When considering a chair for your home-office, select one with the ability to adjust for ergonomic conditions such as height, tilt and arm locations. Purchase a higher quality model if you are sitting at the work area for several hours a day, but regardless of the time spent sitting, avoid using a dining room chair for a desk chair. Your body will thank you!*
5. *Keep the concept of "Less is More" in mind when selecting items for your home or office. Simple, clean forms and tasteful aesthetics that are also functional and minimal usually work well in any space or environment.*
6. *Vary the textures in a space. Just as opposite colors and patterns can complement each other, opposing textures also can. Some examples include: Warm wood and rough stone, smooth fabrics and plush pillows or shiny glass and rich buffed leathers.*
7. *A backsplash can be the "bling" that works much like jewelry for your kitchen. It is a great way to update and add interest, texture and color to a "tired" kitchen. It rarely involves any demolition and the installation is quick and easy. Jazzy or simple, it can pull the entire look of the space together.*
8. **Buyer Beware, No Halloween Scare.** Photos can be deceiving! Often, especially when shopping the Internet, people focus on the "look" (style) of a piece of furnishing while ignoring the scale, color and material options of the item. Always check the dimensions, determine if it will fit properly and request color, finish and material samples before ordering anything online. Happy Halloween!

9. *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).*

10. *When planning your Holiday and New Years festivities incorporate design elements in your dining table and food presentations. Candles, seasonal decorative items, dishes, tablecloths and napkins, and even the arrangement of foods on a serving platter all add ambiance to the space and increase the attractiveness and experience of the meal.*
