

## ***LIGHTING TIPS***

Creating proper room illumination starts by combining the three different types of light sources; ambient, task and accent or decorative lighting. To distribute the light evenly, place the fixtures so they form a triangular shape throughout the space. For example, if your room already has a ceiling fixture that is considered general illumination or *ambient lighting*. Next layer the room with side lamps or a floor lamp positioned around the primary and secondary seating areas for *task lighting*. Then follow up with *accent lighting* to feature artwork, tall plants or other focal points in the room.

### ***Creative Alternatives to Basic Lighting:***

- Elevate a lamp on large hardbound books for added interest and height.
- Use up-lights behind trees, plants, or open shelving.
- Use candles in a grouping where there is no electrical alternative or to dress up a non-functioning fireplace.
- In a low-light situation, use a mirror to reflect every bit of available light.