ight is an effective way to draw attention to the objects and decorative aspects of your home you most love. A display of glass or ceramics, a picture, ornate plasterwork or even the texture or colour of a wall will all take on greater significance when individually lit. Accent lighting can be provided by a variety of fittings, from directional downlighters inset into the ceiling and focused on a painting or architectural feature, to a picture light or even a table lamp creating a pool of illumination in which a group of small objects is arranged. Too many accent lights in a room will dilute their effect, so choose the objects you want to highlight judiciously.

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LEFT TO RIGHT: Art deco floor lamp, £980, The Kairos Collective; square stepped deco ceiling light, £3,444, Charles Edwards; Faguays French art deco nude table lamp c1930, £2,495, French Art Deco Centre; 'Electrum' sconce, £695, Jonathan Adler: Fritz Hansen Kaiser Idell table lamp, £590. David Village Lighting: French art deco chandelier c1935, £2,175, Jones Antique Lighting



LEFT TO RIGHT: Single 'Cottage' wall light in 'Matt Black', £60.20, Jim Lawrence: antique gothic lantern (set of four), £665 each, Haes Antiques; carved mango wood chandelier, £350, Cox & Cox; 'Narwhal' carved wood standard lamp, £595; shade, from £38, Oka; 19th-century canister lamp, £760 for a pair, Norfolk Decorative Antiques; ceramic rise and fall light in 'Mustard', £223, The French House

Mid-century

Combine authentic pieces with reinterpretations of original 20th-century styles





LEFT TO RIGHT: 'Max' swing arm wall light, £294, Hector Finch; pair of late-20th-century matt black and rose double wall sconces, £148. Amanda Leader; Italian Shirley Temple Mazzega chandelier c1970. £1,800, Blanchard Collective: mid-century wheatsheaf table floor lamp, £575, The Vintage Entertainer; 'Tom' wall light in 'Aqua', £306, Hector Finch; black two-headed floor lamp, £34.99, Argos

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