

Light Play - Creating Patterns of Light for Interest and Accents

Designing with light is becoming very popular and using light to create added interest is all the rage in today's home.

One way to leverage this technique is to use a floor spot light and aim it upwards at particular decorative item. For example, large plants or potted trees can create a wonderful pattern on the wall when lit properly.

Here's how to make it work for you :

- Place a spot light on the floor near a large potted plant or tree. For the best look, try to hide the fixture behind a piece of furniture, basket or another item situated on the floor.

- Angle the light to beam through the leaves, aimed approximately two-thirds of the way up the wall. This will produce a contrasting pattern of shadows and light on the wall for a truly unique look, similar to a textured wall, but without all the effort and cost.

In addition, the light showcases the plant and can brighten a dark corner. Using light to highlight design elements will give your room a fresh, modern feel that is unusual and very distinctive.