

## SEEING THE LIGHT

The right lighting is more than just decorative. It can set the mood for a romantic evening or a casual get together with friends. Just remember this designer tip: Hire an electrician to install dimmers so you can control the mood. Otherwise, your rooms will look like you are shopping in a department store.

Looking for creative ways to light up your life? We have found a variety of choices from glamorous chandeliers to an art deco table lamp.

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### Modern art

Mid-century modernists always knew how to create simple light fixtures that resemble art. Their style continues to provide inspiration to designers today. The Maskros pendant lamp, which resembles white flowers formed into a ball, fits the bill for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The 22-inch diameter pendant shade is made of Polyethylene and can be wiped clean with a dry cloth. Another cool thing: The shade projects decorative patterns on the ceiling and walls. It packs a lot of design into a tiny price - \$49.99. Available at Ikea, 151 NW 136th Ave., Sunrise, 954-838 9292, ikea.com.



### Precious pendant

Exposed bulbs were one of the hot trends Mark Moussa of Arteriors discovered while traveling in Europe and India to design his 2013 collection. Now the bulb you choose is as important as the shade. The most popular are filament bulbs, which harken to the early days of electricity, but others range from silver tipped round bulbs to tubular bulbs. Pictured is the Edmond Brass/Glass Hexagon Pendant with an antique brass finish and clear glass. It is 22 inches high and 16 inches wide and has a suggested retail price of \$1,170. It can be ordered from Renovation Room, 500 E. Hallandale Beach Blvd., Hallandale Beach, 954-455-0025, renovationroom.com.



### Art deco drama

Schonbek's Cappella table lamp may look like the perfect fit for a South Florida art deco design, but it was actually inspired by ornate antique Venetian mirrors that have been popular the past few years. Its scrollwork is mirrored on both sides and decorated with floral motifs.

A jet black crystal sphere supports the 21-inch high lamp with a graceful shade. It sells for \$1,009.80 at Capitol Lighting. For locations, see 1-800lighting.com.

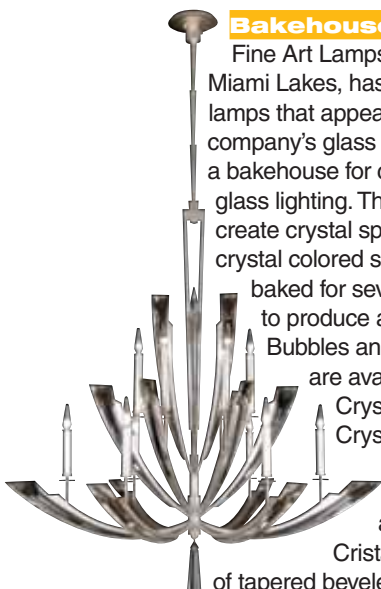
**Bakehouse beauty**

Fine Art Lamps, with a corporate office in Miami Lakes, has a reputation for producing lamps that appeal to high-end design. The company's glass department has developed a bakehouse for crystal, a new concept in art glass lighting. They use a five-day process to create crystal spires, crystal river stones and crystal colored shades by hand. The glass is baked for several days at high temperatures to produce a large block, which is polished.

Bubbles and seeds form naturally. They are available in four different looks – Crystal River Stones, Crystal Spires, Crystal Shards Blue in aqua and cobalt and Crystal Shards Natural in carnelian and citrine. The Vol de

Cristal chandelier has sweeps of tapered beveled crystals set in metal wings in a platinized silver leaf finish. The

Crystal Bakehouse Pendant has a bronze finish with a polished block of carnelian and citrine crystal shards. Prices available on request. For retailers, see [fineartlamps.com](http://fineartlamps.com).



**Transitional tactics**

Sometimes you want a chandelier that looks elegant with simple lines without too many crystals or distractions. This 31-1/2 inch tall by 31-1/4 inch wide chandelier from Kichler's Jardine Collection does the trick with six lights and a chrome finish. It uses 60-watt candelabra bulbs and sells for \$1,030 at Beautiful Things Lighting & Accessories, 7401 W. Sample Road, Coral Springs, 954-757-9646, [beautifulthingslighting.com](http://beautifulthingslighting.com).



**Murano mystique**

Look in any design magazine or go to a designer show house and chances are good you will see an elegant glass chandelier made on the island of Murano, near Venice. Designers Roberto Assenza and Francesco Dei Rossi take the art to a new level with their Acqua Murano glass chandelier with gold leaf. The eight-light chandelier is 35-3/8 inches high by 38-3/8 inches deep and comes in clear glass, aquamarine or green. It sells for \$15,000 at Elite Light and Living showroom, 14005 Biscayne Blvd., North Miami Beach, 786-955-6250, [elitelighting.com](http://elitelighting.com).

**Glam design**

The Party Girl sconce, introduced in January at the Dallas International Lighting Market by Corbett Lighting, is the perfect accessory to use next to an elegant dressing table or in pairs on either side of a mirror in a bathroom. Inspiration comes from 20<sup>th</sup> century modern art. The design features an elongated crystal column, a silver-leaf finish and clear and iridescent crystals. Suggested retail is \$1,485. It can be ordered from any retailer who carries Corbett. For local sources, see [corbettlighting.com](http://corbettlighting.com).



**Organic design**

French designer Inga Sempé designed this white floor lamp in 2002 and it continues to be a favorite for those who desire a lamp that resembles an organic sculpture. The 180-inch high lamp is made from pleated and coated Polyamide fabric that is attached to a wire structure. It sells for \$4,021 at Poltrona Frau Group, 3800 NE Miami Ct., Miami, 305-576-3636, [poltronaframiami.net](http://poltronaframiami.net).