



Kitchen Pendant Lights As Functional Lighting

[Kitchen pendant lights](#) can be used to act as functional lighting over kitchen island areas, breakfast bars or to make a dining area more defined. Usually, people would be warned about dropping the length of light in any room, as through traffic could cause a hazard. However, the suggested positioning of kitchen pendant lights is based on the area beneath it being occupied by an item of furniture that would avoid this problem of potential banged heads. You still need to consider the drop length so that it doesn't present a menace to those reaching for condiments, though the drop from the ceiling can be much longer than you might be able to safely have with other rooms' interior lighting.

There are a variety of designs in kitchen pendant lights – bottles, discs, and balloons, clouds, cylinders and domes in an assortment of dimensions and sizes. Your choice might be determined by the diameter you can safely accept in your positioning but there are many other factors upon which to make a selection. To prevent and collision accidents, the diameter of the shade shouldn't be too close to an outside surface. Most kitchen pendant lights have generous amounts of cable, which can of course be adjusted to suit the length requirements in your situation. Check with your supplier how much you might be able to safely reduce it to.

Shape, colour and finish could be essential to complementing existing décor elements in your kitchen. However, because a kitchen pendant light is so eye-catching, you could break a rule or two and allow it to become a feature in its own right rather than having it blend into the background. In a neutral kitchen you could introduce a bit of zing with a strong colour – red against beech or granite provides great drama, or perhaps you already have an accent colour in use that you would like to coordinate with. Any of the primary colours would look magnificent in a kitchen, especially against black. Metallic finishes look best if they complement similar finishes in a kitchen, so match chrome with chrome, brass with brass etc.

White kitchens can either go with drama or stay with the base colour for overall harmony, although black would exaggerate the impact of the white background. Get ideas from magazines



or look through photographs in feature articles usually included on a site if you are buying online. Even catalogues that sell kitchen units show off their wares in the 'best light' – through magnificently lit sets with ideal fittings photographed in situ. Sometimes a glamorous or ornate fitting is all that is required to bring life to an otherwise sterile looking environment.



Trying to imagine just what a light might look like in your own kitchen can be difficult when you are faced with an array in isolation. Kitchen pendant lights not only provide essential lighting, but they can transform a working room into a relaxation room simply by their form and delicate, unconcerned suspension, inviting admiration, and imbuing a space with chic sophistication.