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SUPER BOWL

Above The Luna Rossa half-spherical light, £1,290, from Ligne Roset, is designed by Antonio Sironi. The bold outline and rusted exterior finish add understated chic, while the hidden ring of LEDs allows the light to diffuse over the lacquered white interior

SOFTER APPROACH

Above right The simplicity of the dome pendant's shape means you can still add visual impact in a smaller space, and create an intimate pool of light. This matt white pendant from Cox & Cox, £100, has a copper-leaf interior to soften the lit effect



Statement LIGHTING

PETER LEGG, LEAD DESIGNER AT DAR LIGHTING GROUP, SHARES HIS TOP TIPS

- Kitchens have always been the heart of the home. They are spaces not only used for cooking, but for eating breakfast, entertaining and sometimes even a family break-out space. With this in mind, it's a good idea to have varying types of lighting at your disposal for these different tasks. Think spotlights for cooking tasks, and multiple single pendants or a single bar pendant over a breakfast bar or table – and make sure it can be dimmed when entertaining.
- If you want to get away from the much-used formula of two or three identical pendants above an island, an effective alternative is to use a cluster of different lights. Alternatively, there are now sleek LED arrangements available that offer a pleasing, even spread of light.
- When you're positioning your statement lighting, avoid walkways. Statement lights often hang lower from the ceiling and are best placed over kitchen islands and breakfast bars as they're typically the centrepiece of the room. As an alternative, statement wall lights above kitchen counters can bring a different layer of light to the room, which works brilliantly in smaller kitchens.
- You need to think about the lighting throughout the rest of the room to complement statement lighting. Directional spotlights are more versatile than you might imagine – angle them to bounce off walls and cabinets allowing the light to fall in front of you so you're not working in your own shadow. LED technology has made spotlights far more comfortable for task lighting and we would recommend only using LED bulbs in the kitchen. Our matching ranges of angled spotlights are always popular and are available as bar and single fittings.
- Ensure you have a qualified electrician circuit the lights in your kitchen separately – this way you will be able to choose which lights to have on when you need them.

UNDER THE DOME

The Mezza Luna light from In-es.artdesign measures 120cm and comes in different colour combinations – here the smooth Cemento exterior finish contrasts with a yellow interior to create a warm, cosy glow. Prices start from around £920

