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For adaptable, multifunctional lamps to complement your space, look to these cleverly designed pieces for inspiration

Lamps have come a long way from a rudimentary, single light bulb affixed to a stand with a shade. Today, smart engineering has resulted in lamps that not only provide basic illumination, but are also adaptable, stylish, and more efficient than before. The shift to LED, along with the development of new technologies and innovative materials, has also allowed designers to create lighting that's gentler on the eyes, and more user-friendly for modern homeowners. Top picks also include multifunctional lamps that provide a source of light while doubling up as a furniture piece or an accessory.

From modular systems to lamps that provide both light and acoustic insulation, we scoured the market for some of the cleverest products available. Here are 10 spiffy lamps that combine the best of form and function.

DESK BUDDY
When he was a student at the Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts in Copenhagen in 2015, Danish designer Mads Sætter-Lassen created the Buddy lamp, which won the Northern Lighting Student Design Award. This cute, compact lamp comes with a multi-directional shade, and is equipped with a container for pens, stationery, keys or loose change to help busy students, artists and office workers keep their desk clutter-free. Sætter-Lassen describes Buddy as "the little helper everyone needs".

READERS REJOICE
Created by Pauline Gilain and Pierre-François Dubois for Parisian design studio Harto, the Table Lamo Josette is both a light source and a side table. Ideal as nightstands and illumination for reading nooks, this space-saving lamp gives you a surface to rest your books or place a cup of tea. Put it next to your favourite armchair in a cosy corner to create a perfect reading nook.
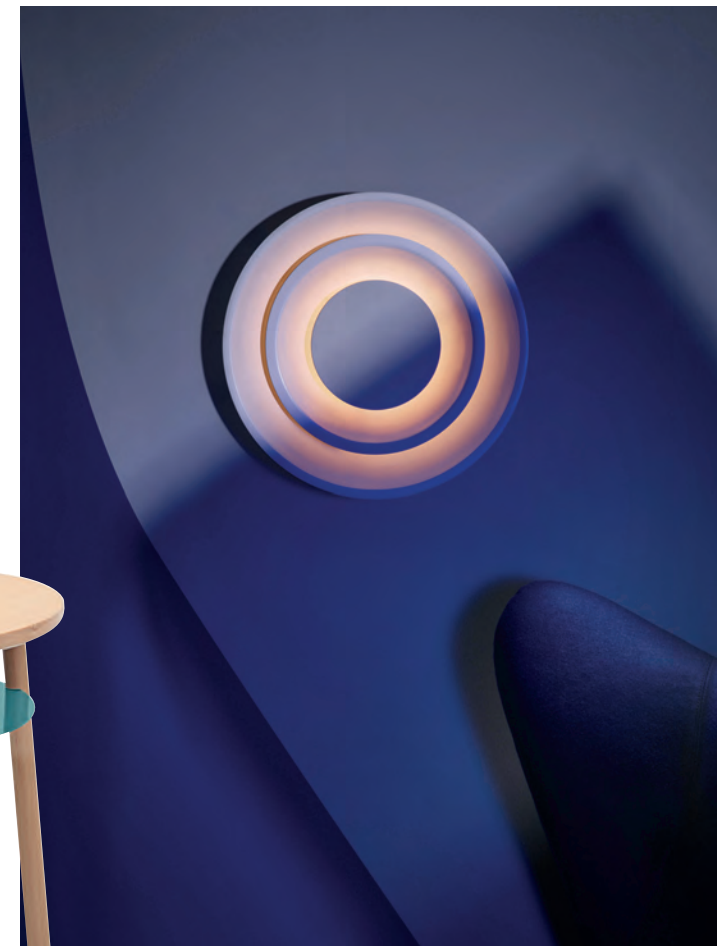
GRID WORK
Designed by Spanish designer Antonia Arola for Santa & Cole, the BlacoWhite C1/R1 collection of wall lamps consists of a thin graphite metal plate with an LED light source, in either fixed or pivoting options. The C1 comes with a coloured metal rear that can be used to create a nuanced glow for room brackets or bathroom signage. The lamp's smart LED plate has small incisions along the bottom of the lamp, which results in a pleasant beam of light.

A GENTLE VENT
Designed by fashion brand Diesel in collaboration with Foscarini, the Vent lamp was inspired by aeration grids found in industrial spaces. It comprises circular, lacquered metal reflectors stacked on top of each other to create a balanced, harmonious sculptural form. This warm white LED light source is also dimmable and creates a soothing atmosphere in any room.

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BELLS AND CHIMES

Designed by Danish designer Thomas Holst Madsen for Darø, the Bell+ pendant is a simple, contemporary suspension lamp conceived as a shade with a tilting function that hangs from a bar. Well suited for bedrooms, work surfaces or above dining tables, the Bell+ can be positioned to focus light just where it's needed, while perforations on the sides and top of the lamp provide diffused ambient lighting.

ADJUSTABLE SHADES, DIMMABLE LIGHTING AND OTHER CLEVER FEATURES MAKE THESE LAMPS SMART FINDS FOR YOUR HOME

MARBLE SABRE

A lamp that doubles as a decorative accent for your home, Lee Broom's Tube Wall Lamp with brushed brass finish is skilfully milled from a single piece of luxurious Carrara marble. The marble tube contains a strip of LED light bulbs that gives the lamp the appearance of a warm glowing stone sabre. The unique veins of the marble mean that that no two pieces will be the same.

TREE OF LIGHTS

Designed by Atelier Van Lieshout for Moooi, the Statistocrat Floor Lamp has a lean, two-metre tall aluminium body supporting three lamps and a low side table, to provide you with light at just the height you need. The top most shade projects light towards the ceiling, while the widest shade is ideal as a reading lamp. The lowest lamp works well as a spotlight for the side table, so you won't have to strain your eyes.

RELEVANT CLASSIC

Although it was designed in the 1930s, the Kaiser idell "scissor lamp" by German Bauhaus silversmith and designer Christian Della hasn't lost any of its beauty or usefulness. This iconic wall-mounted lamp produced by Lightyears features a swivelling shade and flexible scissor arm that can be adjusted from lengths of 470mm up to 890mm to allow you to adapt your lighting to suit different needs. The lamp is available in both glossy and matte finishes.

SOUNDS GOOD

Penta's Feel lamp combines light stems with textile discs to create a stylish and texturally intriguing product. Not only can you control the brightness of your light source with Feel, but the textile discs also help minimise the impact of sound waves within your home to create a better acoustic environment. Designed by Milan-based Sara Moroni, Feel is a modular system that can be used as a fixed wall light or a suspended ceiling light, and alone or in a cluster.

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