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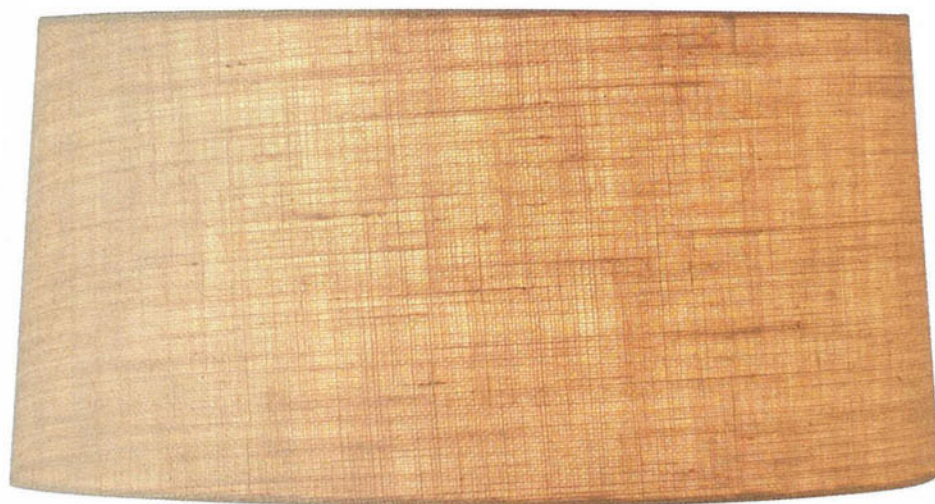
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“Table lamps offer much more to a room than just providing reading light.”



KEEP IT SIMPLE AND ELEGANT — a table lamp should complement its surroundings, not take over the design. Scale is important and a lamp out of scale draws unnecessary attention to itself. You can “feel” when the scale is right, so try a few styles and choose the one that suits the space.

Try a textural effect with a lamp shade or glass table sconce. Plain crème silk is often perfect for a traditional look, but in a contemporary setting, texture is the answer. Canvas, fibered silks, woven grasses and textured or frosted glass are welcome changes to the usual choices.

Look for vintage lamps that have style and recreate them. A student lamp can make a superb corner brighter with a new style of glass shade. That brass lamp that was so popular in living rooms years ago can be antiqued and coupled with a modern textured shade for an up-to-date look.

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