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Layered lighting consists of the multiple uses of decorative, ambient, task and accent lighting, as shown here at Traverse City's Lighting Center. Once used mainly in high-end homes, the building industry has started to integrate layered lighting in mainstream homes.

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Part-time residents Bob and Wendy's home on Old Mission Peninsula was crafted to provide six rooms within one great room — with lighting serving as demarcation for "walls." Above is the dining area, which has two layers of lighting... not including the candles. Below is the view of the ceiling lighting and below right is lighting in the kitchen area.



going to do in this room,' and 'Is there anything you want to highlight in here,' said Velesano.

"We work with all the contractors, whether the architect, interior designer, builders or electricians or sometimes we just work through the homeowner."

The larger homes being built today, with high ceilings and oversized rooms, make proper lighting choices crucial. When remodeling, layered lighting updates a home's look as well as makes it more functional.

"The thing is that you can



have great ceramic tile and fantastic furniture but when the sun goes down and everything tends to be muted, it doesn't show the way you want it to," he added. "So basically, that's what lighting is. It's fun to design because you can basically create an atmosphere."

By combining function, style and security, outdoor lighting is just as important as indoor lighting for many homeowners, said Lynn Pettyjohn, owner of Lynnterior.

"The lighting outdoors has to be compatible with the home," she noted. "Whether a period home or a contemporary home, the lighting has to be compatible with the architecture."

Retiring baby boomers or people building second homes also look for technological innovations, such as one-button control of a whole house's lighting or touch screens to control each room. These features provide convenience and security for homeowners.

"Baby boomers and others who can afford to build their second or retirement home are looking for them to function comfortably as they age," said Pettyjohn. "We no longer just walk in a room and flip one switch."

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