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### Organizing Café:

**Email now to request an invitation to our 2009 GO (Get Organized) tele-conference on January 20. Free to past clients, it will help you with decision making styles & procrastination. Start your year with some new, organized habits.**

## The Season of Light

I had a different topic planned for this month, but I decided to keep it “light”. In fact, in this season of lights, I wanted to pass on my favorite all time design tip...

Illuminate! Just by putting twinkle lights on a pine tree, it becomes something magical. If you think that is a neat trick, try these tips with the rest of your home. You’ll feel like a kid on Christmas morning when you have beautiful lighting throughout your home.

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## Light Bulb Moments

1. Lighting comes in all packages. Use all the techniques and types you can— ambient, task, decorative, and accent lighting. New bulbs and shades can give cleaner, warmer colors, too!
2. Look overhead. If one small overhead lamp is all you have, you are probably straining, not using parts of your room, or not enjoying all of the beauty or potential in your décor.
3. Your electrician as Santa. Many people can change an old fixture for a similar new one, but changing a fixture type or adding new lighting must be done by pros. A couple of bucks for an electrician's expertise can make your whole world brighter.
4. Keep it fresh. We recently moved to a beautiful place that immediately felt *almost* like home. We've updated most of the fixtures, and WOW, has it made a difference. By swapping some 30 year old fixtures for newer models, we added style, presence, focal points and function, all for about \$100 a room. Talk about bang for your buck!
5. Surprise! Integrate interest. I have a petite chandelier on order for my miniscule powder room. I can't wait to make it grand! Uplighting, pendants and rope lights can move your eye to just the right spot. Remotes for hard to reach lights are great!

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**Simple Tip: Most average rooms require 3-5 lighting sources for adequate lighting.**

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