

# Bath & Vanities



Vanity lighting varies greatly on the size and design of a bathroom. In most cases, both task lighting and ambient lighting should be used. However, sometimes space is a limiting factor.

Recently, sconces on either side of the sink have grown in popularity compared to traditional over the sink fixtures. Additional flair with decorative semi-flush or mini chandeliers have also become go to ambient light sources.

## Step 1 **Evaluate the Layout**

What kind of space are you working with? If there is a single bowl, typically an overhead vanity or a sconce on either side of the mirror is best. If working with a double bowl vanity, you can use sconces on either side of each mirror. If the mirror is the full width of the vanity, a fixture above each bowl is standard.

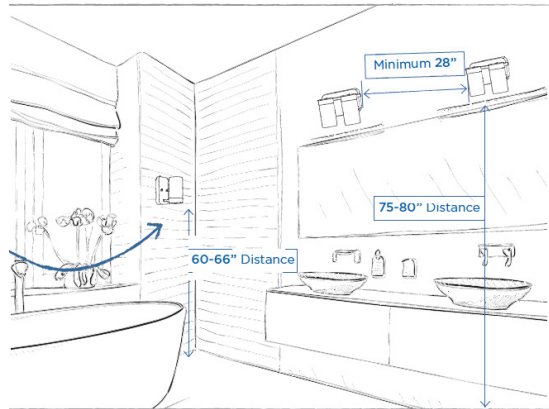
# Hanging in Style

## Step 2 **Know the Basics**

### **Above the vanity:**

Fixtures mounted above the vanity should be 75-80" above the floor and should typically be at least 24" wide.

For one bowl vanities, use one above the mirror fixture. It should be almost as wide but never wider than the mirror.



For two bowl vanities, fixtures should be mounted directly above each bowl and should be spaced a minimum of 28" apart.

### **Sconces:**

Fixtures mounted on either side of the vanity should flank the sink creating cross-illumination which provides shadow-free lighting for the face. Sconces should be mounted at eye-level, approximately 60-66" above the floor. To ensure shadow-free illumination, position them approximately 28-40" apart so the beam spreads overlap.

# Size Matters

## Step 3 **Choose Wisely**

Every space creates different demands. Ultimately layering multiple sources of lighting creates the best useable space. You can even go against tradition and use a pendant to light a space depending on the layout and size. But typically, task and ambiance take priority before adding more decorative pieces.



### **Small Powder Rooms:**

When there is no space to hang sconces on either side of a small powder vanity, or the customer prefers a more traditional style, mount a single fixture directly above the bowl.

# Size Matters



## **Single Bowl Sconces:**

Sconces can be mounted on the mirror wall or on adjacent walls. If they are mounted on the adjacent walls, make sure not to mount them behind the face as this can cause shadows.

\*\*\*Note: Vanity fixtures can typically can be mounted facing up or down. In smaller spaces, facing up can create additional ambient illumination by bouncing the light off of the ceiling.

# Size Matters

## **Double Vanity - Double Fixtures:**

With larger bathrooms that have a single large, or two smaller mirrors, place vanity fixtures directly above each bowl.



## **Double Vanity - Single Fixture:**

If the double vanity has one larger mirror, consider a single overhead vanity fixture. It should typically be almost as wide as the mirror itself, unless adding additional task lighting with sconces on either side of the mirror.

# Layer the Light



## Step 4 **Add to the Ambiance**

If the bathroom is larger, add additional ambiance lighting with a flush or semi-flush ceiling fixture, or even a chandelier in the center of the room or over a tub. You can also add recessed task lighting in the shower or in the main bath area for better illumination, or tape lighting under the kick boards for nighttime navigation.

\*\*\*Note: At least 150 watts of light should always be used to illuminate a vanity. You can always use more light and add a dimmer but it is difficult to add more light after installation.