

# Lavish Interiors

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## Light: friend and foe. Use window treatments to control the light in your space.

Using window treatments to block light seems like common sense: hang some curtains and call it a day. The thing is, light doesn't need to be an all-or-nothing issue. Sometimes, we want a moderate amount of light in our rooms while other times we just want to remove glare. Window treatments give us the opportunity to control and adjust the light in our homes.

To help you control the light in your space, I've included a few tricks to help you get started:

### 1. Add a light-filtering layer.

Light, left unchecked, can damage your carpet, furnishings, and fabrics. Adding a subtle, light filtering layer can minimize UV damage while providing a quiet ambiance in your living space. There are many options to filter sunlight in a subtle way, including Hunter Douglas' Vignette and Duvette shades. In addition, Hunter Douglas also offers Silhouette and Luminette lines: these varieties let you diffuse light and direct it either up or down.

### 2. Black-out.

A black out layer of window treatments is pretty self-explanatory: it completely removes light, creating a "black out." In addition, a black-out layer serves an aesthetic purpose: because it prevents light from seeping through cracks, it provides a consistent color of the fabric that faces the room.

Black out layers are perfect solutions for bedrooms, media areas, and South facing windows. To black-out a room, use shades, blinds, shutters, or mesh fabrics. Lafayette offers its Allure Sundown Transitional Shades that serve well as black out shades.

### 3. Lining.

If you want light to enter your room, but still desire privacy, light filtering lining is a great solution. Looking to hang panels? Consider using sheers or linen hangings: both offer a high level of light transparency and privacy. In addition, look for interesting fabrics that look great back-lit. In your room, they will glow and provide a warmth to your space.

### 4. Window film.

Looking to let a lot of light in, but still want UV protection? Try window film. Window film is a simple covering that can be made to just about any shape and size, goes right on your window, reduces glare, eliminates solar damage, and won't change the look of your home.

### 5. Layer.

Does the use of your room vary? Try layering with different thicknesses, styles, and patterns of window treatments. For instance, you might pair a very plush, thick curtain with light blinds or sheers. Layering allows you to control the light of your room by adding or subtracting layers depending on your needs.

No matter the situation, light can be controlled in your living spaces. In order to find the best solution for you, take stock of your room: how much light do you want? how much privacy do you need? what is your room used for?

Once you find out your needs, you'll be able to find a window treatment solution. Still need help? Give me a call today.