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## Modern Elegance

Lighting with an architectural edge makes its own statement in this Sullivan's Island home.

From the moment you walk into this island home, you can tell you're in for a visual treat. A massive portrait in bottle caps calls you over for a long look. The homeowner's collection is eclectic and gives you a captivating glimpse into their well-traveled life.

With art as vibrant and whimsical as this, and an impeccable view of the marsh, it's crucial to have the right lighting. Choices that complement not distract. That's why these homeowners reached out to Carolina Lanterns & Lighting—they needed expert consultants. Shannan Payne Preston, Builder Sales for the company was that specialist.

"These homeowners take risks," says Shannan, explaining that they were among the first local residents she saw embrace black painted walls with brass

accents. So it was no surprise that they had a lot of ideas about their lighting as well. Together, Shannan and the couple selected black and gold mixed metal LED fixtures throughout the home.

A specialist in new construction lighting, Shannan explains her perfect scenario is when she's part of the design process long before any walls are constructed. That's when she is able to determine the best layouts for fixtures and any necessary wiring. This home was a renovation, so she was happy to be able to work with Sea Island Builders and Classic Kitchens of Charleston as they got down to the studs and established the best placements.

Consulting with Shannon, the homeowners choose smaller, two-inch square can lights and kept them exposed, not recessed. "This treatment displays a

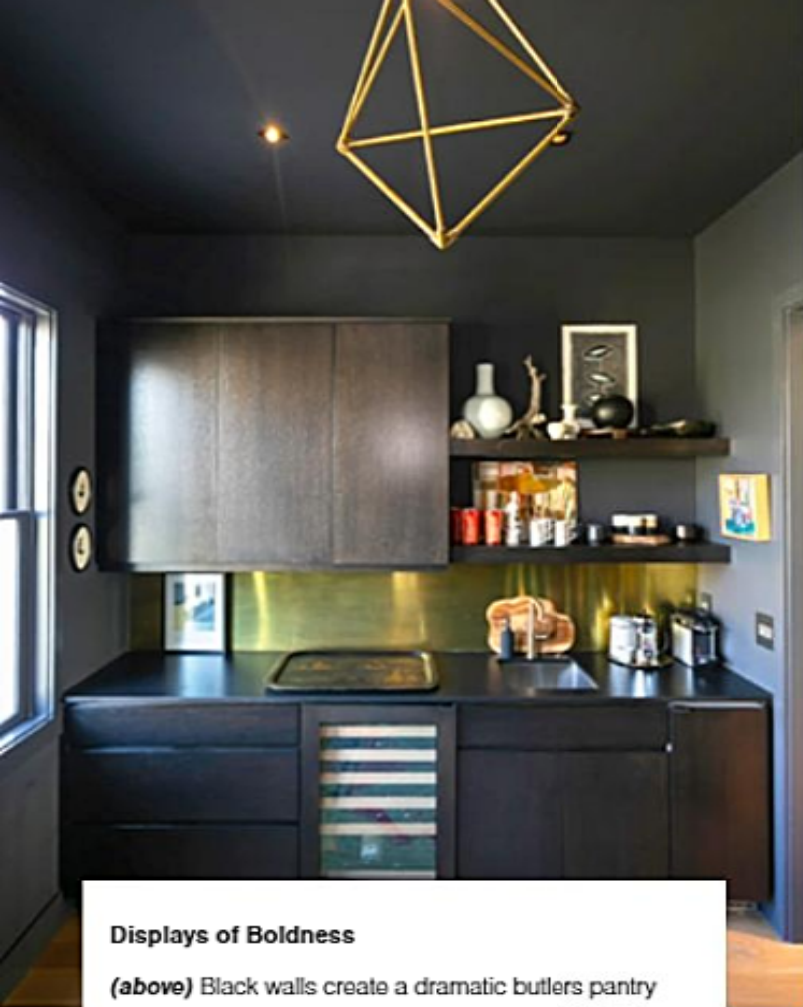


Shannan Payne Preston  
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### Task Master

Adjustable lighting options throughout the home offer flexibility for the job at hand—from reading to cooking.





#### Displays of Boldness

**(above)** Black walls create a dramatic butlers pantry that's high on style. **(above right)** Filament bulbs of differing heights offer an unexpected bit of fun. **(below right)** Recess is over with these exposed can lights.



much more modern approach to lighting that works with this home's overall aesthetic," says Shannan. "It's thinking about an existing product in a new way."

She points out the difference size and shape makes with these cans. "Rather than blend into the ceiling, they are architectural elements that heighten the design."

The home's bookcases have integrated LED lighting and bedrooms offer wall-mounted reading lights with a structural flair. Hallway exposed bulbs in different heights and sizes showcase the stairwell art and again, can stand on their own as jewels on display. Working with a coppersmith, Shannan created simple outdoor lighting that's simple, yet stylish and fits the overall streamlined look of the home.

Equally important, the design is functional as well. Most of the home's fixtures are adjustable, allowing the homeowner to move lighting for work and reading spaces, and to spotlight art in just the right place.\*

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