

Increase your usage by warming up cold rooms

They're the places you often pass but seldom go - the cold rooms in your home. It may be your attic, basement, or a common room such as a family room over the garage. No matter what the space, you can increase your usage of these rooms by warming them up following these simple tips:



Use your fireplace

A fireplace can warm up a room very quickly, but if you don't have a built-in fireplace, gas fireplaces are widely available at building supply or furnishing stores for reasonable prices. To make rooms cozier, change the layout of your furniture. Place your seating area and coffee table around your fireplace for you and your friends to huddle around and keep warm.

Consider insulating walls and floors over cold spaces

Undertaking a home renovation to add warmth to cold rooms can help increase your use of the space in your home. Consider installing PINK Fiberglas batt insulation from Owens Corning in both the walls of your home and in floors over cold, uninsulated areas. PINK Fiberglas insulation provides excellent thermal performance and can also be used to

insulate other cold rooms such as the basement, crawlspace and garage.

Use warm fabrics to add comfort

Bring out your cotton, wool or fleece throws and blankets to help you to stay warm. There are plenty of decorative throws on the market made of heavier fabrics like velour or corduroy. These are perfect items to keep you warm while resting on a bed or couch and can also act as accents to a room when they are neatly arranged.

Canadian winters can be cold and unpredictable. Keep warm and comfortable this season and enjoy all the areas that your home has to offer.

More information on how to stay warm by installing PINK Fiberglas insulation can be found at www.owenscorning.ca. The colour PINK is a registered trademark of Owens Corning.

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Brighten your home and your mood

The dark days of winter can seem endless when we're kept captive by cold temperatures and nasty weather. Why not lighten up your surroundings — and your mood — with the latest in lighting trends and technology.

The use of lighting to enhance your

home décor has always been a popular option for homes and buildings. Yet, with the environmental drawbacks of incandescent light bulbs and a focus on greener designs, home decorators and designers are looking for more sensible yet stylish ways to lighten up home design projects. Fortunately there are plenty design ideas and new products on the market that will dazzle your home's exterior and warm up the interior — without warming the planet.

- Brighten dark rooms with light walls, sheer curtains and plenty of plants and/or fresh flowers.

- Choose a "colour" or temperature of white light that enhances your décor. Philips offers compact fluorescent bulbs in a full range of colour temperatures that provide different effects in your decor. Use a cool

Daylight bulb in a white kitchen, or a Whiter Light bulb in your bedroom or reading space. Find the right shade of white and watch your décor come to life.

- Have a little fun with Philips coloured 13 watt compact fluorescent bulbs, available in Red, Blue, Green and Yellow for a splash of lively colour where you need it! You can also opt for the LED colour deco bulbs that use just 3/4 watt of energy and give an accent of cool white, warm white, green, blue, yellow, or red colours for special lighting effects.

- Use mirrors to help reflect light and limit the appearance of shadows.

- Raise the roof by up-tilting lamps to cast as much light on the ceiling as possible.

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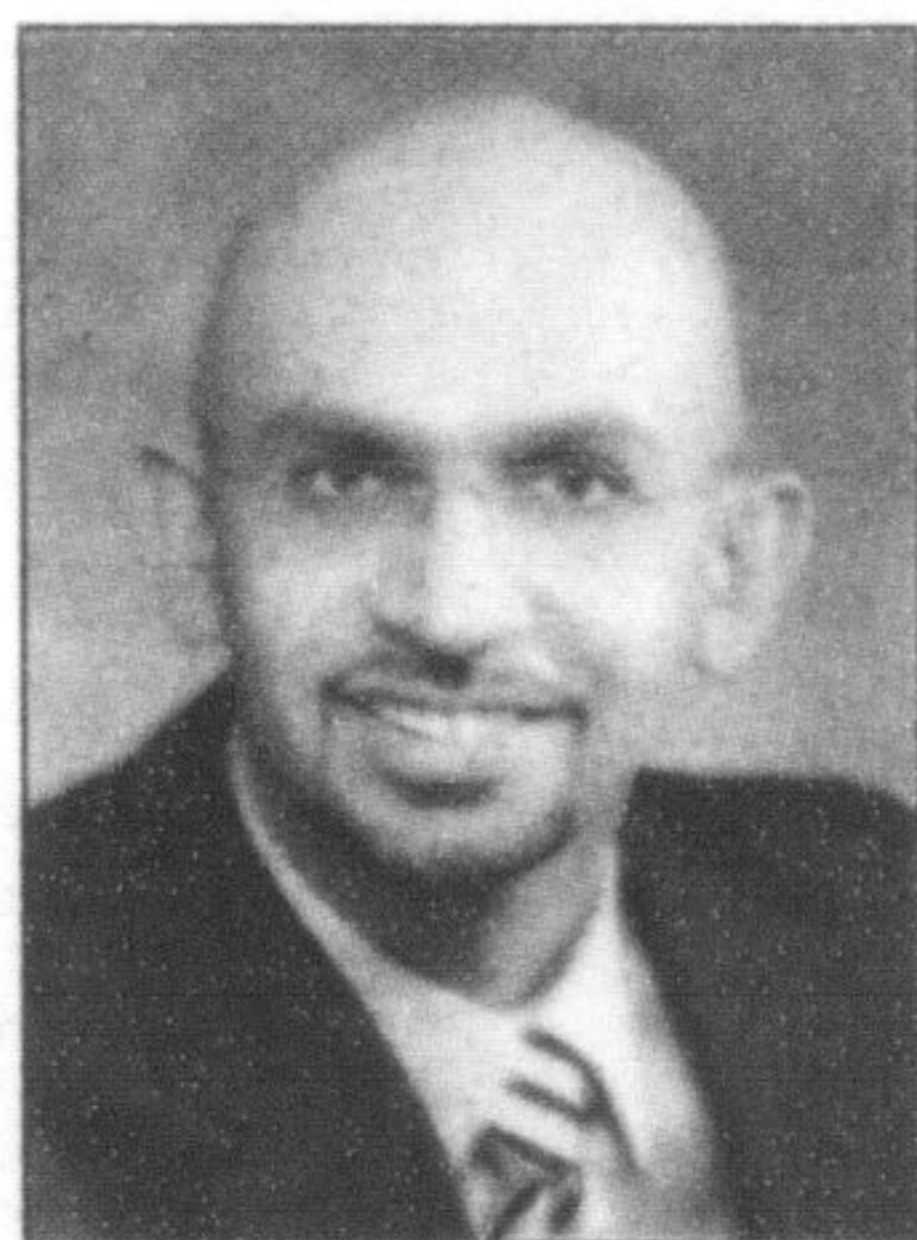
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