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The common perception is that 'energy efficiency' and 'designer style' do not go together. This however is not the case; developments in light bulb technologies are powering ahead and now it is possible to swap standard tungsten bulbs for excellent energy efficient versions using only a tenth of the power, with good colour rendering and dimming functions.

If you are planning on renovating your property or are undertaking building works, Part L of the Building Regulations, which were brought into force in April 2006, state that 25% of all light fittings need to be energy efficient. With a little imagination you can create an exciting design whilst complying with the regulations. This hallway was a naturally

dark space but by using linear fluorescents to up-light the side wall and the coffered ceiling, a feeling of natural daylight flooded the hall. This stairwell was nicknamed the 'staircase to heaven' when fluorescent tubes were installed and concealed in a cupboard under the stairs, allowing light to filter through the shadow gap. The traditional appearance of energy efficient lights was a common reason of their exclusion within designed schemes, however today there are a number of elegant and desirable options available. There are some fantastic eco-friendly bathroom mirror lights on the market such as the Art Deco Mirror Light supplied by Light IQ, providing a balance between efficient lighting whilst avoiding the common issue of 'shadowing'. ■

