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BATHROOM BEDROOM

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*let in the
light*

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TRENDS
IN BATHROOMS**

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Design vs Function

ADVICE FROM MELISSA MUSLIN,
LIGHTING BUYER AT HEAL'S

- Lighting in the bedroom shouldn't be limited to pendants alone. Bedside table lamps or wall lights fitted either side of the bed are where design and function work in unison. It is more practical to be able to control the lighting in the room from the comfort of your bed, and design features such as directional light and dimmers improve both the function as well as creating a more desirable form.
- A light that's compatible with a dimmer should be a priority in the bedroom. This will enable you to create ambient lighting if necessary without limiting you to it. This rules out any CFL's (Compact Fluorescent Lights), but if you are energy conscious, there are many LED bulbs available which are now dimmer compatible.
- We're seeing a lot of traction in ceramic and metal finishes, for example brass and copper. Pendants are the best-selling piece type at the moment and they allow you to create a design moment in any room while still serving a very functional purpose.

COMBINE & CONTRAST

The Botega pendant is designed by Italian designer Enrico Zanolla who wanted to reinvent a traditional pendant with a ceramic material. It's available in either black or white and the interior can either be left as bare ceramic or given a metallic finish. It's £190 from Clippings.com