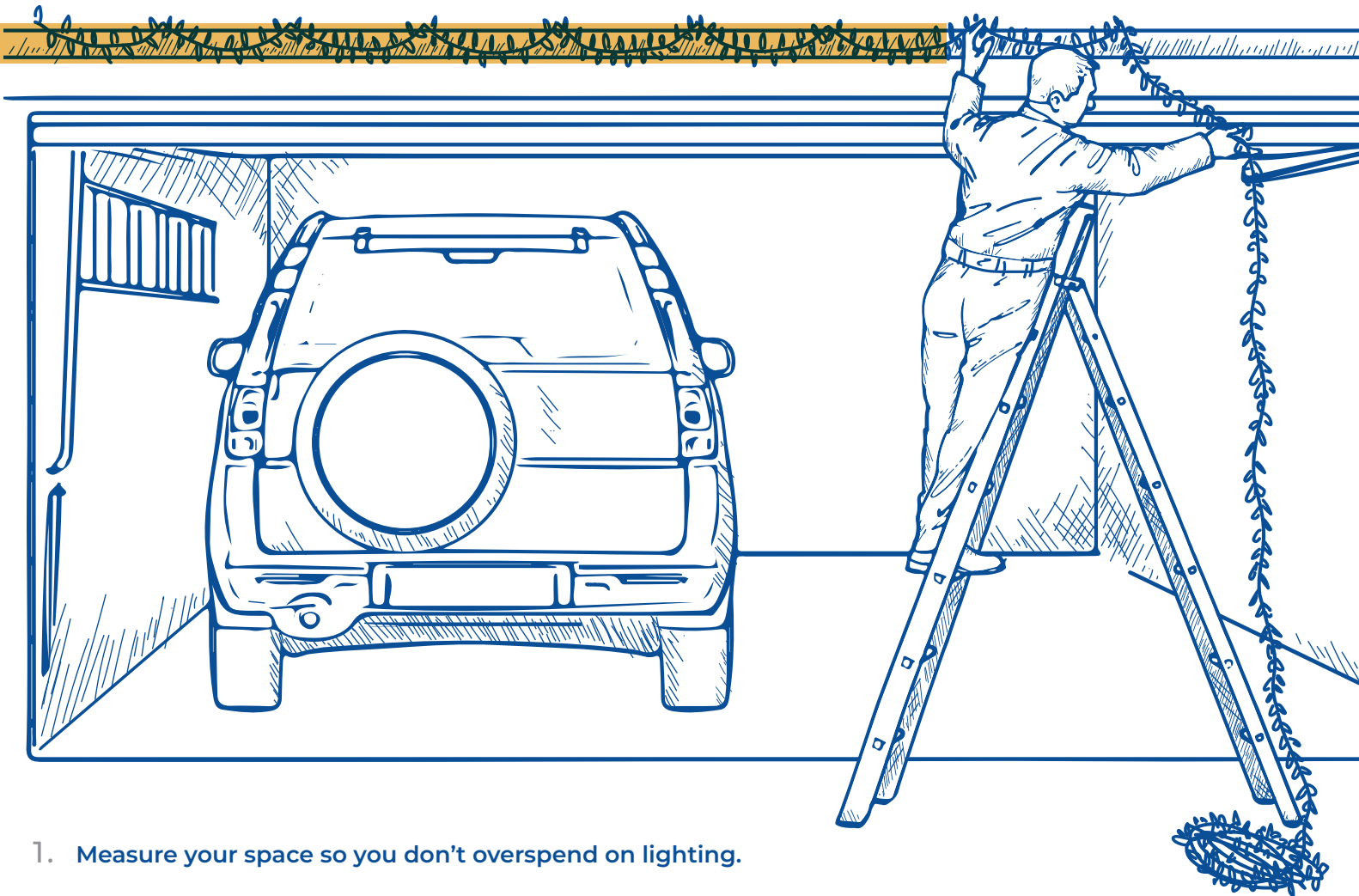


WINTER HOLIDAY LIGHTING



MAKE A PLAN

When it comes to buying and installing holiday lights, the sky's the limit. But if this yearly ritual has become more stressful than cheerful, check out these tips from our experts on how to hang lights like a pro.



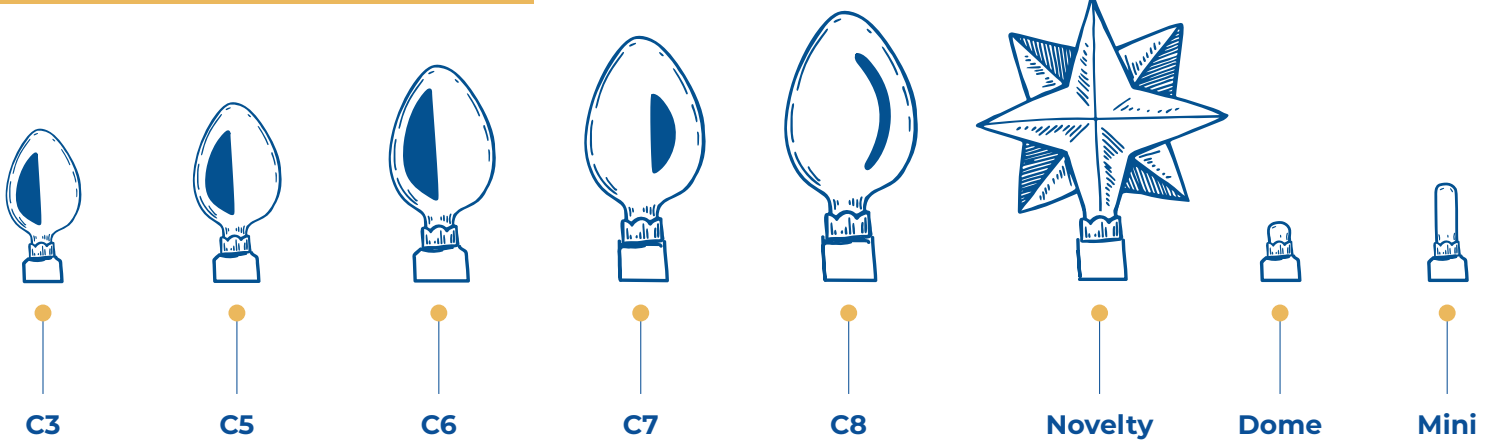
1. Measure your space so you don't overspend on lighting.
2. Decide if you want to use color.
3. Decide what type of lights you want to use: string lights are the most commonly used lights, but there might be other options that work better for the look you're trying to achieve.
4. Choose light clips that fit your application.
5. Pay attention to connection limits on your strands and don't connect more than recommended.
6. Test your lights before installation. Replace any blown bulbs and check that light patterns work.

KNOW YOUR LIGHTS

LED holiday lights last longer than traditional lights and are more energy efficient. They stay cool to the touch and are very bright.

Incandescent lights are usually budget-friendly. They are very bright, show only one color per bulb and can heat up with extended use.

TYPES OF LIGHTS



PICK A STYLE

SINGLE ROW

Even one row of lights along your roof will make your house look festive. Consider adding wreaths or lights in second story windows to balance the look.

FOCAL POINTS

Choose one point on your house, like the front door, to highlight with different colored lights or by adding heavy lights.

SIMPLE OUTLINE

Simply outlining different features of your home (front door, windows, garage door) will give you a traditional look.

COLOR

Add pops of color if you want to create a unique holiday look!

SAFETY TIPS

THINGS TO CONSIDER



- Never overload electrical outlets or extension cords. Make sure to check the manufacturer's instructions and don't exceed the number of recommended connections.
- Only use lights that were made for exterior displays.
- Test your lights before you install them to make sure they work. Check for cords that are worn or showing wires and immediately dispose of them.
- Use automatic timers to shut the lights off during specific times.
- Don't run electrical cords along high traffic areas.
- Avoid old nails, staples, screws or broken hooks when mounting your display.
- Work your way up when you're working with trees. Start at the trunk and wrap the lights around in a spiral.
- Use replacement bulbs of the correct voltage and type.