

ENERGY STAR Qualified CFLs and Colour

CFLs are available in a wide variety of shades of white light, ranging from yellowish to white to bluish white light, which allows you to customize the mood of your space. Many CFLs come in "warm" colours to match the yellowish light of incandescent bulbs, but you can also choose "cooler" colours with whiter or bluer light.

Choosing the right colour:

Light colour is measured on a temperature scale referred to as Kelvin (K).

Lower Kelvin numbers mean the light appears more yellow; higher Kelvin numbers mean the light is whiter or bluer.

Most ENERGY STAR qualified bulbs are made to match the colour of incandescent bulbs at 2700-3000K and work well in most residential settings and enhances warmer colours (red, yellow, orange) found in your home.

For a whiter light, look for bulbs marked 3500-4100K.

For bluer white light, look for bulbs marked 5000-6500K.

These colours will enhance cooler colours (blue, green, violet) in your home.

