



## ALLAVO CERNO

California-based lighting design studio, Cerno, has a portfolio of contemporary designs and modern craftsmanship created by childhood friends Bret Englander, Daniel Wacholder and Nick Sheridan, who established the studio in 2009.

Part of the Cerno family of designs is the Allavo sconce; a high-performance vanity light that distributes an even and non-direct illumination. Prototypes for a vanity design dated back six years for Cerno, but the Allavo design was in the works for roughly one year.

Nick Sheridan, co-founder and designer at Cerno, was responsible for the creation of the Allavo, which includes the firm's signature use of wood integrated into the fabric of the design.

"The most challenging aspect of the design was balancing the performance and aesthetics while not compromising either element of the fixture," explains Cerno.

"Nick nailed the design from the first drawing and proof of concept. We then made some changes, but the original intent was preserved," the team added. Despite being listed as a vanity sconce, the LED fixture has multiple installation options, from corridors to bedsides. The indirect light source is somewhat counterintuitive for a vanity, but provides a beautiful diffuse of light for the user.

"Cerno's designers and engineers prioritised the utility of the Allavo vanity, while not ignoring the importance of the aesthetic," the team explains. "Delivering exceptional performance by emitting even and ample illumination was key to achieving our goal. The novel design bounces indirect light off a curved metal surface to create soft, diffuse light. Cerno's signature use of wood is integrated seamlessly into a design we believe harmonises usefulness and beauty."

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