

What if Clark Griswold had used LED Christmas lights?



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We consulted experts on these questions, including the man who lit up Burning Man (the freaky festival that sets up each year in the Nevada desert) and illuminated Chelsea Clinton's \$3 million wedding, which budgeted \$100,000 for lighting.

Bentley Meeker, an artist and lighting designer, waxed philosophical about LED lighting. "It's like a mitten. It doesn't give you any of the articulation or the life of a hand. It might as well be a club."

Incandescent light, Meeker said, more closely mimics sunlight, which he said is naturally pleasing to most people—well, maybe not people in their bedroom.

LEDs, Meeker said, just aren't as "soulful."