Mise-en-scène in The Bling Ring

In 2013 , *The Bling Ring* was released -- written and directed by Sofia Coppola. To transport us to the shallow but dreamy setting the characters exhibit, the filmmakers put an immense amount of work into its stylized visuals. Fascinated with celebrity culture and wanting to feel a sense of belonging with those celebrities, our cast robs celebrities who they know are not home. With elaborate colorful lighting and props, relatively mundane sets (typically houses), are elevated to reflect the way in which the subject matter perceives them while they steal from them. This is in stark contrast to the homes they live in. While also living in luxury in Los Angeles, the dwellings of our protagonists are shown to be stale in comparison. Natural lighting and conventional furnishings make them feel ordinary and relatable, the very characteristics the protagonists detest.