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LUXURY FABRIC LINE FORTUNY TAKES FOOTING IN CHARLOTTE IN CLASSIC ITALIAN FASHION.

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The warm glow of candles, the soft melodies of a harp, and the enticing aroma of Italian cuisine created the ambiance for an intimate dinner hosted by Circa Interiors and Fortuny. It was an elegant occasion for local interior designers to meet Fortuny's Maury Riad, who relocated the business operations of his family's Venice-based luxury fabric house to Charlotte last year.

"These designers have a magnificent passion for their work, and it is our privilege to contribute beauty and artistry to their work through our products," Riad says. Heather Smith of Circa worked with florist John Lupton to create a Venetian vibe at an Eastover home, where the intimate dinner resided. Boldly colored flowers, jewel-toned crystal, and delicate Fortuny china accentuated the rich textures and hues of the Fortuny tablecloth, a relic from an event during Venice's Biennale.

"The tablecloth was our inspiration for the decor and showcased the quality and refinement of Fortuny fabrics," Smith notes. "It was the perfect centerpiece for a lovely evening."