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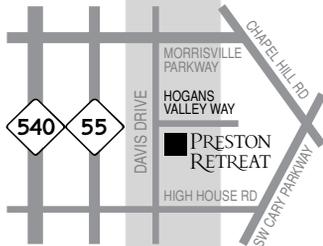
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# *Balancing* ACT

by Laura Jackson  
Photography by Jean Allsop

*Chapel Hill seems the perfect setting for a home that gracefully combines traditional warmth and hospitality along with a sense of modern discovery and exploration.*

**I**t graciously reflects a town known to provide an alluring mix of historical beauty, architectural style and new ideas.

Owner and founder of Tracery Interiors, Paige Sumblin Schnell believes: “Every home needs a balance of modern and traditional.” She explains, “It means

using the language of today’s world while reflecting on the past.”

Throughout the home, a combination of clean lines and bold details are beautifully contrasted with earthy oak wood floors and inviting decor. “The floors give a warm traditional feeling to the home. It also anchors the home in the past,” said Schnell. “That is important with the incorporation of modern furnishings.”



Tracery's use of black and white contrasts provides sophisticated dramatic style and stunning visual appeal. Traditional fabrics for the furniture and drapery lend an almost regal look, while soothing textures balance and engage.

Schnell explains both Tracery's and her clients' original vision for this home as, "Elegance, but family-friendly. Beautiful and

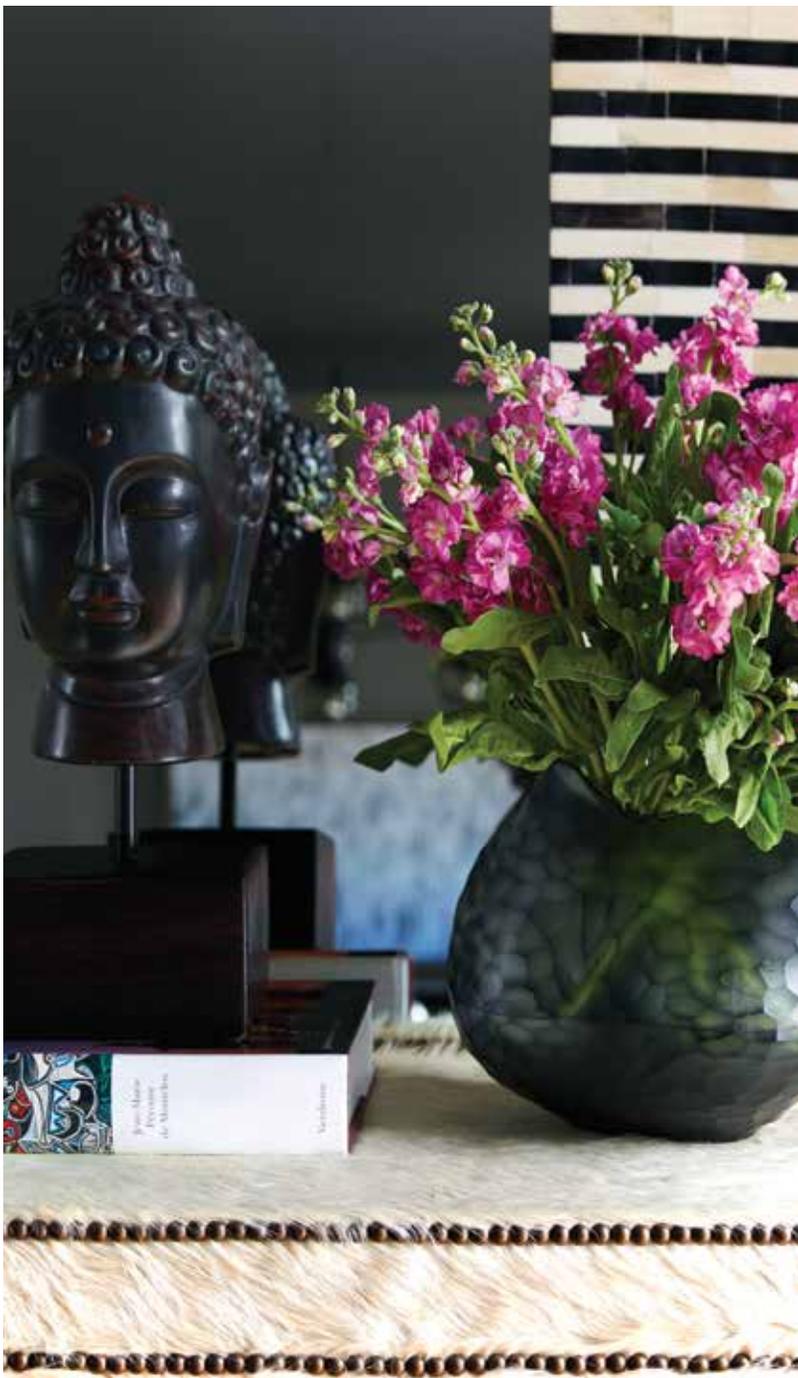
sophisticated while still being inviting."

The family room is a great representation of the home's stylish, yet comfortable and functional form of beauty. "All the upholstery in the family room is upholstered in outdoor fabrics for durability," explains Schnell. "But we didn't want the room to 'look durable' so we incorporated fun prints and custom









printed ottomans to finish the design.”

Open shelving in the kitchen provides an excellent highlight to the room’s gorgeous white marble walls. An enormous island in the center becomes an excellent spot for everything from family meals to homework to entertaining. Thanks to an excellent design by the architectural and building firm Dixon Kirby, the entire area is bathed in natural light and openness.

A pass-through fireplace anchors the kitchen area and reveals the breakfast area’s large traditional family style farm table. It is gracefully surrounded by lucite chairs adding its contemporary twist. Overhead, large modern light fixtures complete the look.







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A long, dramatic hallway framed by brick arches and rich wood paneling creates an excellent venue to showcase one of the home's many stunning modern art paintings. Southern artist Mallory Page's captivating abstract expressionist approach provides just the right complement of vibrant color and mystery, inviting guests to linger and get lost in its intrigue.

It's easy to see why the music room is the designer's favorite room of the house. Just one of its highlights is a wistful and cozy alcove. "We love the bay window that Dixon Kirby designed in the home. We wanted to emphasize it by painting it the deep forest green you also see in the drapes and sofa," said Schnell. Rich, heavy, velvet drapes adorn the music room and bring visions of "Scarlett O'Hara making the dress out of the drapes



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right there in their home.” She added, “Green velvet reinterpreted is a bit unexpected which we love.”

It's a place that seems perfect for creative masterpieces of all sorts. “You can imagine the music room with one of the children taking piano lessons or a chic cocktail party. That is why we love this house so much,” explains Schnell. “Its design straddles the line of elegance and livability.” ♦



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# MODERN DREAMBOAT

By Anne Marie Ashley  
Photography by David Dietrich



*Nestled in the rolling foothills of Asheville, the Moore's home is not just a modern architectural dreamboat; it's also a retreat – the dream home of this empty nester couple on their new adventure in life.*

**T**HE COUPLE VISITED ASHEVILLE ON vacation and decided immediately that they wanted to retire there. Before they left, they purchased the perfect lot in Lakeview Park – just four miles from downtown – and four years later, they contacted Carlton Architecture to get started on the build.

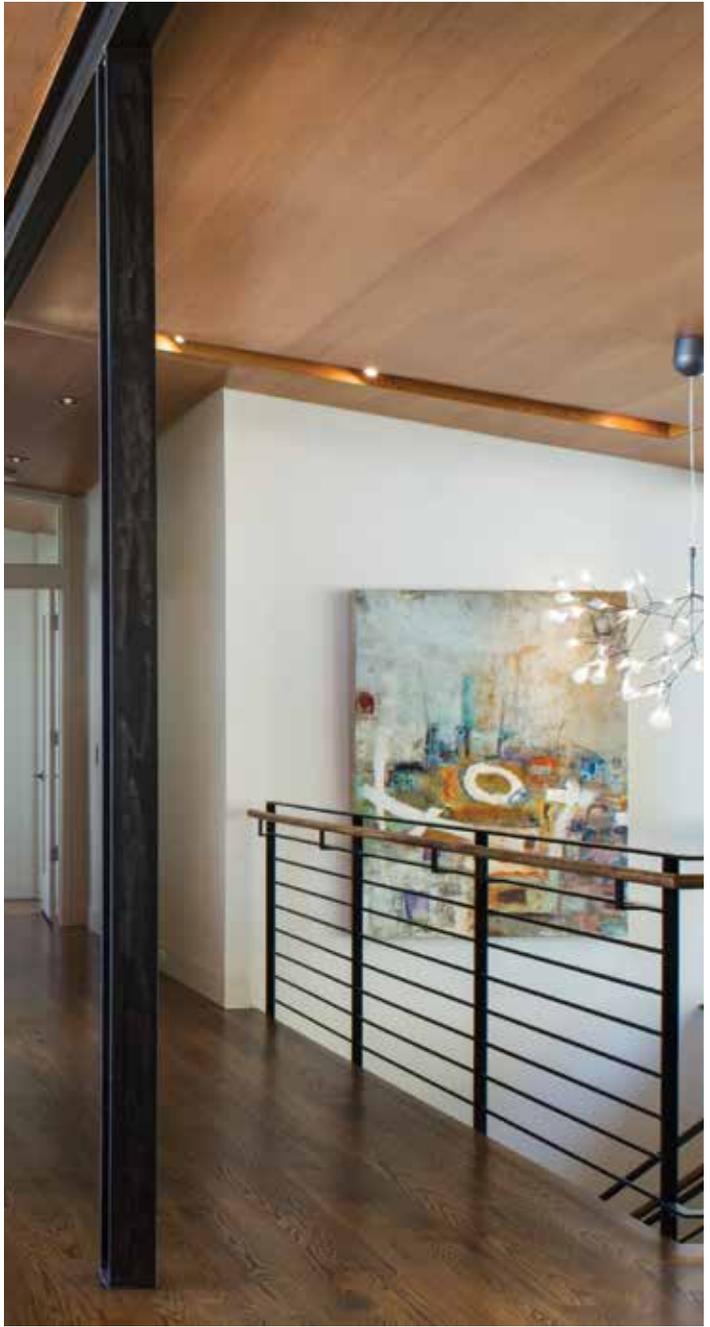
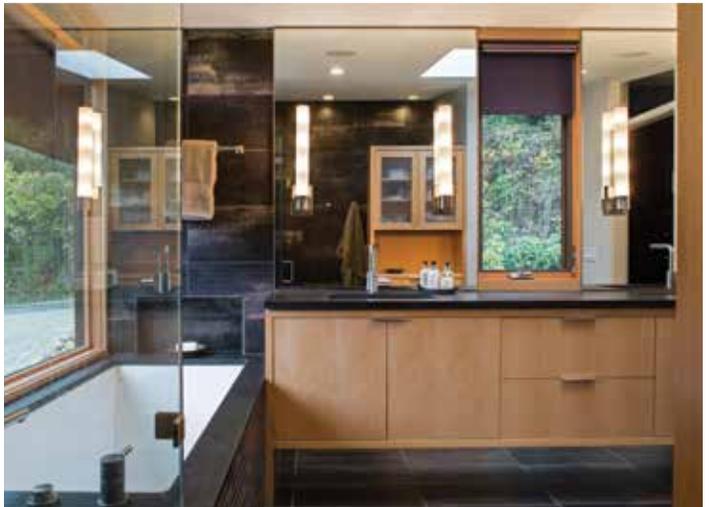
“The Moores were very receptive to our creative direction,” recalls Rob Carlton, owner and lead designer of Carlton

Architecture and Design Build. “They weren’t predisposed to a particular architecture style and they warmed immediately to our site-sensitive, authentic approach.”

Downsizing from an estate in Ithaca, New York, it was a perfect opportunity for a lifestyle reset – as Rob puts it. The plans were set, and as Carlton Architecture’s mantra dictates, the land calls the shots. “Their desires for main level living were in conflict with the site,” explains Rob. “The steep slope and geometry of the property required us to put the home closer to









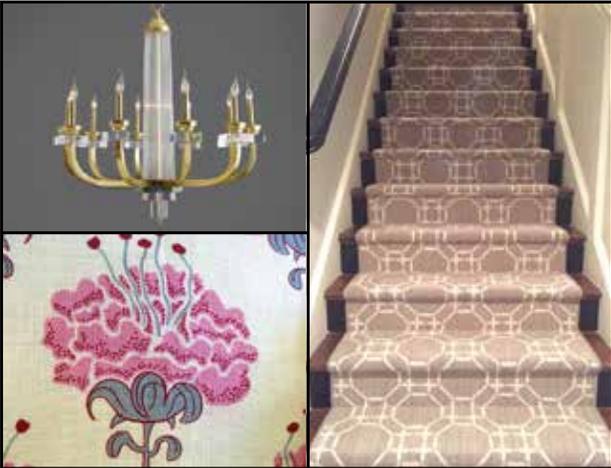
the road. It also meant that the footprint had to be broad and shallow to minimize the impact on the natural surroundings.”

The Moores chose a lot that was close to town with beautiful views of the Asheville Mountains. Karen Moore designed the interiors herself, making sure there were no unused rooms or wasted floor space. “For me, good home design starts with feeling comfortable immediately,” says Karen. “No rooms for ‘display only’; and using lots of natural light alongside thoughtful lighting design, too.” Replacing many of their traditional pieces with more modern ones, Karen purchased many of their pieces from Mobilia in downtown Asheville that features clean lines and modern designs. “In my mind, you should get rid of anything that you don’t love or need,” advises Karen.

When asked about her favorite room in the home, Karen decides that it’s the main living space. “This area feels warm with Cypress walls and ceilings and huge windows,” she explains. “I love the black steel fireplace and black steel accents in the kitchen; I love the exposed steel beams that are the major support structures for the home. I love the trough lighting that is in all three areas. I feel like I live in a tree house.”◆



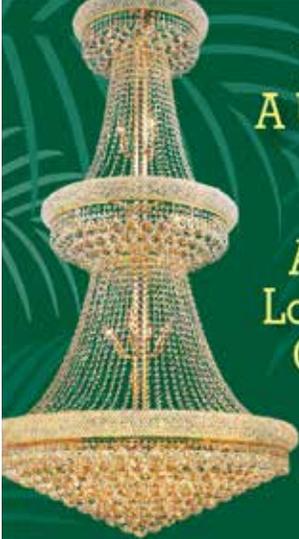
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# Everyday *Luxury*

By Anne Marie Ashley  
Photography by McKenzie Loli

*When the Luptons moved into their newly built home in Raleigh, they started with a blank slate – well, a beautiful blank slate.*

**I**t was a Parade of Homes house in 2013. With just a few pieces of furniture and zero accessories, they connected with Lisa Sherry of Lisa Sherry Interieurs and created a plan for an everyday luxury style of home.

“We researched local designers online,” explains Alicia Lupton. “And we chose Lisa because her aesthetic aligned with the look we were going for – comfortable and natural with some unexpected twists.” Alicia adds that having two children means their style is practical and realistic, but knowing that styling is very important to her, it was key to hire a professional.

“The vision was to create a pulled together home for two working parents and their two bambinos that looked inviting, collected and lived-in,” explains Lisa. “I love creating spaces for my clients that invoke a sense of ‘ahhhhhh’.”









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For the next eight months, Lisa worked to infuse the family’s home with style, inspired by her own sense of design. “I am inspired by everything,” she says. “From a stroll through my local farmers market to a mad dash through an antiques market on my travels – I love classic modern pieces mixed with quirky collected pieces. It’s not about brand... it’s about style.”

Lisa worked with the primary pieces the family had, including the beds, tables and a sofa, but added “a mountain” of books, pillows and great rugs along with accessories and fun, bold art. Even the baby’s room got a dose of style with an oversized bunny overlooking the sweet crib.

“If breaking rules can be a ‘rule of thumb’ when designing, then that’s our rule of thumb,” suggests Lisa. “Collect the things you love, consider the mix of textures and finishes, and know when to edit!”

When choosing their favorite rooms, Lisa and Alicia say it’s hard to choose just one – Lisa lands on the baby’s room, while Alicia says it’s a tie between the breakfast room, living room and master bedroom. “We really just love everything!” she says. ♦



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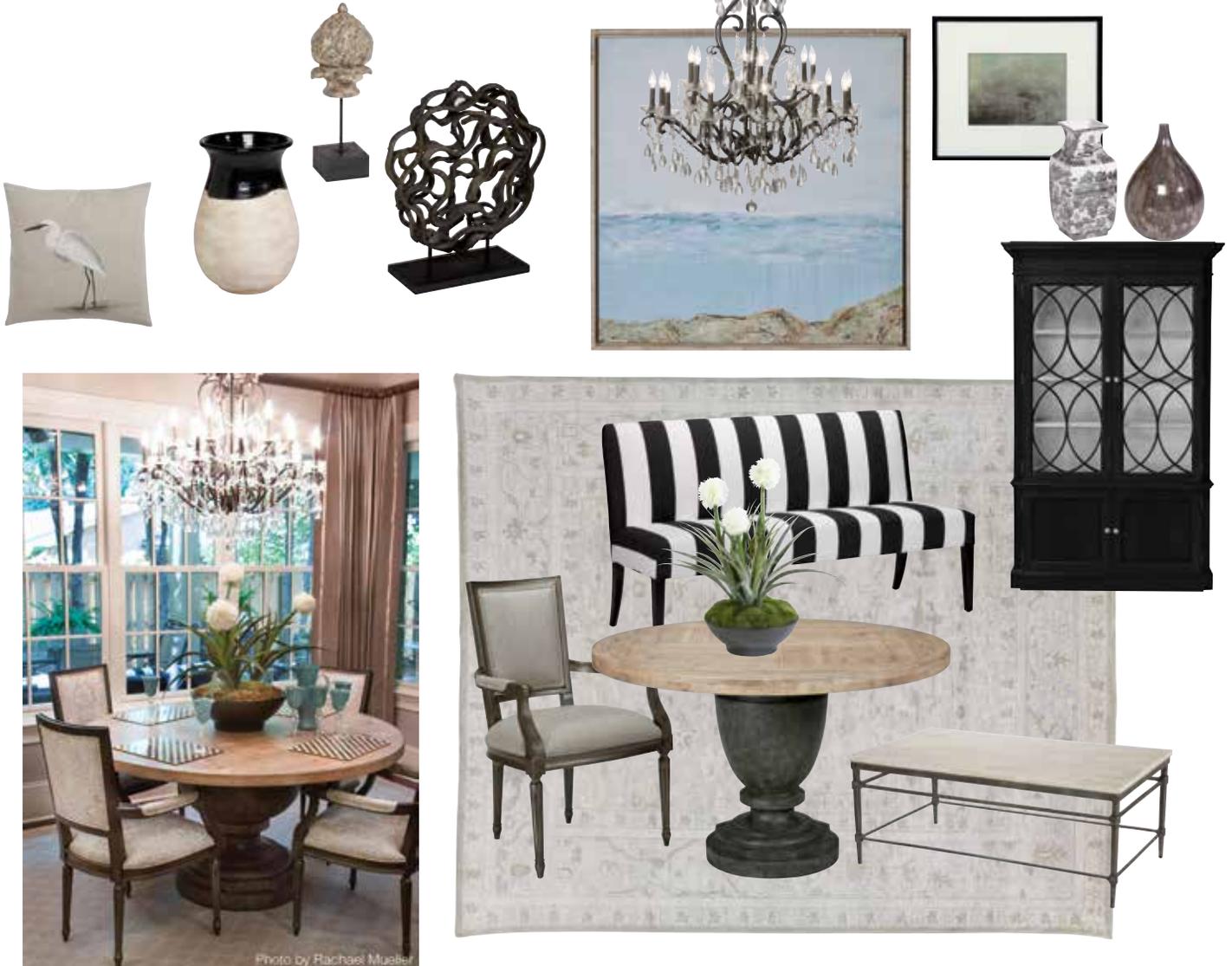
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*Ah, summer—heady days filled with clear skies and dazzling sunshine. We’re surrounded by untold beauty, and everything feels new... from the dappled light under a canopy of leafy trees to the beautiful blooms in your garden.*

It’s no wonder our homes can sometimes seem drab in comparison!

There *are* ways to freshen things up, and we’ve got some tips to guide you. From entire rooms to those few perfect accents, we have dozens of summer-inspired ideas to give your home a seasonal style boost. Here are just a few:

#### MIX IT UP

After deciding on an overarching style (streamlined, traditional, country casual), don’t be afraid to mix things up; whether it’s textures (linen, warm wood) and colors (dreamy blue, bright white, gorgeous green) or patterns (stripes, prints, and patchworks). Remember: When everything matches, nothing shines.

#### BE AUTHENTIC

Embrace honest and diverse materials, from the man-made (concrete and steel) to those found in nature (wood and stone). Add lots of texture. Appreciate and take every opportunity to showcase artistry. Mix city style and country charm.

#### GO GREEN

Literally *and* figuratively. Celebrate your passion for greenery. Call to mind lush gardens by bringing flora indoors. Hang botanicals. Add rich and sensual emerald hues wherever you can. Respect Mother Nature and never overlook an opportunity to choose eco-friendly materials.





### HIT THE BEACH

Choose easygoing pieces with washed and weathered finishes that evoke breezy beach house style. Pick a pleasing palette; try sand, sea and summery sky. Slipcover your sofa! Weave a cool, relaxed vibe throughout with a mix of summery patterns; think beach towels, cabanas and picnic blankets.

### SING THE BLUES

Let the sea and sky guide you. Nothing speaks summer like a refined room dressed in classic shades of blue and white. Hint: To ramp up contrast, place weathered finishes next to bold hues and add just a few measured touches of antique black.

### GET COMFORTABLE

Always remember that comfort is the thing we love most about laid-back summer style. Keep things simple and humble.

Furnish your rooms with pieces that look lived in and curated over time: sofas that invite sinking in, coffee tables that aren't so precious you wouldn't dare put your feet up.

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# *Kitchen Trends*

## HERE TODAY AND TOMORROW

By Laura Jackson



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*Whether you're dreaming about a total remodel of your kitchen, or you're looking to update and refresh, each choice impacts daily life in these key areas of your home. Recently, the national Kitchen and Bath Association polled members nationwide to come up with their top design trends for 2016. In a word, clean lines, less ornamentation and personalized luxury stand out as top trends.*

**Transitional Combines the Best of Both Worlds.** Featuring elements of contemporary and modern design in addition to some traditional approaches, the transitional style fits so many needs and tastes, while still remaining fresh. Characterized by clean lines and smooth transitions, it remains uncluttered by its philosophy of less ornamentation. Design experts agree—its staying power is secure.

**White / Grey / Neutral Color Palette.** White is always crisp, clean and timeless and never goes out of style. It combines well with all sorts of textures, colors and finishes and provides a clean palette for almost any type of design. Also noted was a rise in new neutrals and accent colors, with gray, blue and black being most popular.

**Let There Be Light.** There may be no other places in the home where the lighting is as essential as in the kitchen. Today's designers are taking advantage of the best of natural light while accommodating needs as varied as prepping and primping to cooking, entertaining and relaxing. LED lighting has proven the worth of its investment and is making appearances in all sorts of places. Interior lights in cabinets, concealed in crown molding to bathe ceilings with soft light, or under cabinets to highlight backsplash details are just a few of their versatile uses. An added benefit? They emit almost no heat.



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## Top Kitchen Trends For 2016

- Transitional style, with clean lines and less ornamentation.
- Two or more cabinet colors/finishes in the same kitchen, often in a light/dark combo.
- Pull-outs, tilt-outs, and tilt-ins for easy access to storage, trash and recycling.
- The look of wood flooring dominates, be it actual wood or wood-look ceramic tile.
- Different countertops for islands and the perimeter, varying in both color and material.
- Outdoor kitchens, most popular in the Southeast.
- Built-in coffee stations and wet bars, as well as built-in wine refrigerators.
- Pocket doors.
- Pet spaces, including built-in feeding stations, food storage, and crates.
- Docking and charging stations.

**Tech Savvy.** The art of automation is not going anywhere. Adding more tech-friendly areas such as hidden docking and charging stations, sensor-activated lights that only illuminate when the kitchen or bath is in use, and all sorts of apps to coordinate everything from the temperature of the room to turning off the oven on time continue to expand exponentially.

**Open Shelving for Style and Functionality.** This trend has taken off for many reasons. Open shelving is a great way to display your favorite items from heirloom china to cookbooks, vases or even a piece of art, while also highlighting a beautiful wall treatment behind it, such as today's amazing tile backsplash selections. And it's a great way to take advantage of often-empty vertical wall space. For most homeowners, however, it works best to remember to still have ample storage behind closed cabinet doors, for all those other items not as display worthy (think overflowing plastic containers and cleaning supplies).

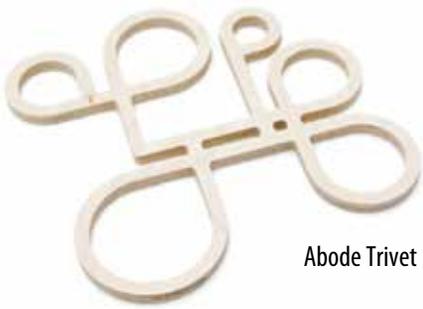
**Creative Storage.** Adding more drawers and pullout shelves makes it easier for everyone to access items with less bending and reaching. Hardware manufacturers are capitalizing on clients' needs for functionality and ease by changing the way many cabinet doors and drawers open and close. Look for more

hydraulic, easy-to-close doors that make the most efficient use of space.

**Look Mom, No Hands.** Hands-free and touch-activated faucets are rapidly moving from the trendy to the must-have, super practical list. They're perfect for sticky hands, both big and small, and are also ultimately a water saver because of the auto shut-off feature.

**Keeping It Cool.** The convenience of "point of use" refrigeration means it's no longer just about having one huge unit in the kitchen; homeowners are installing refrigeration in the places it's needed most. That may translate to a wine refrigerator next to the bar, a counter-height produce fridge or refrigerated drawer in the prep island.

**Quartz Rules.** The most popular countertop material is quartz, followed by granite. These natural stone leaders were specified by more than 80% of the professional kitchen designers in 2015 and the trend is expected to continue. While granite is still extremely popular, it has shown signs of decline in the last four years with 31% of the NKBA design professionals expect to use less of it in 2016.



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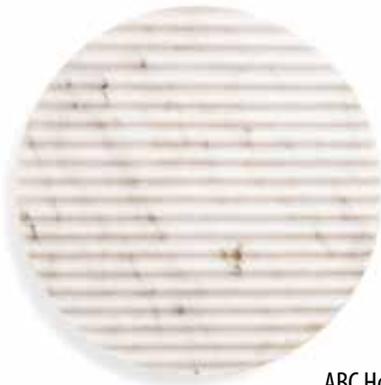
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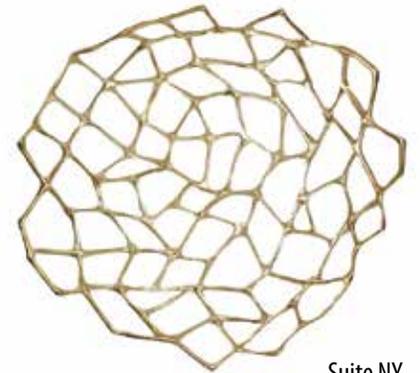
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# Bathroom Update

*There are some exciting new trends in bathrooms today and here are just a few ways to add an updated element to one of the most functional rooms in the home.*

## **Open Shelving**

In this design climate, open shelves are a natural choice for both necessary storage and decorative storage. From freestanding floor-to-ceiling units to a cultured marble shelf running along top of a 4-inch splash next to the tub – the open shelving concept leaves room for individual interpretation. Of course, the golden rule with open storage: Keep it neat!

## **White on White**

Crisp and clean, white-on-white rooms can have a powerful effect on the mind, clearing visual and mental clutter and paving the way to total relaxation. Whether it's steeped in tradition or sleekly modern, a bathroom drenched in white is calm and peaceful. From tile and fixtures to vanities and accessories, no matter the size of your bathroom, white palettes invite light in for a spa-like atmosphere.

A couple of things to keep in mind: Bronze faucets add warmth and softness to the vanities and tubs; a room with several shades of white captures and reflects light in a unique way. Bright and refreshing in daylight, it glows with warmth at dusk.

## **Natural Elements**

Be it wood, stone or another natural material, bringing more organic elements into your bathroom satisfies man's inherent need to connect with nature. There's something particularly relaxing about taking a hot shower amidst a rock surround shower, or wood paneled walls and lucky for us, this trend offers a dizzying array of options to mix and match.

## **Interesting Tile Patterns**

Tile is an accepted and expected part of bathroom design since forever. But what's unexpected is the new way tile is being installed – and we love it! Standard side to side is nice, but consider a sophisticated herringbone pattern, or even a honeycomb set up with octagonal tiles. Or how about tiles in circles or pyramids? Tile may be expected, but the install is up for grabs.



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# Mixing METALS

## No, don't be afraid!

Mixing metals is not only IN, it adds character and depth not to mention, it's completely easy. There is a method to the madness, so just keep these tips in mind and you won't go wrong.



### Choose a dominant metal.

Decide which finish you like the most and then select one or two metal accents to complete the look. Having a primary metal ensures your space some cohesion, while accent metals will guide the eyes throughout the room.

### Blend warm and cool metals.

Warm metals, like gold and brass, offer a rich pop of color and texture when paired with cool metals like silver and chrome. For example, a stainless steel kitchen can be warmed up with a gold chandelier or vintage piece that adds charm. Alternately, if you have a very warm gold and white space, a chrome furniture piece or pendant will add metallic equilibrium.

### Separate with height.

If you have a table with gold legs in your living room, don't be afraid to hang a mercury glass or vintage silver mirror above the fireplace. The separation in space allows the eye to roam unencumbered from top to bottom.

### Consider your palette.

Warm metals pair well with warm hues like reds, browns and yellows, while cool metals pair nicely with cool hues like blues, greens and violet. A neutral palette is perfect for adding the equal mix of both giving the perfect amount of warmth, color and texture.

### Create a lot of texture.

Varying the texture of your metal finishes can make all of the difference in defining a space. Don't be afraid to have up to three different textures on metals. Combine matte, polished and hammered finishes for a truly rich and visually diverse design.

### Spread metals evenly in the space.

Try not to cluster the metals together, which can lead to a cluttered and mis-matched look. Instead, spread the metals evenly over the room; in a kitchen for example, a chrome faucet, brass pendant and neatly stored copper pots can look balanced and well spaced in an airy room.



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## George Matsumoto Architecture Award

The six winners of the 2016 George Matsumoto Prize, sponsored by the non-profit organization North Carolina Modernist Houses, were announced recently. Residential architects and designers who entered the competition could be from anywhere but the houses had to be located in North Carolina. Alpha Design Build in Raleigh, picked up the First Prize in Jury Awards, Situ Studios picked up the Second and Third Prize in Jury Awards. For more information and a complete list of winners visit [www.ncmodernist.org/prize2016](http://www.ncmodernist.org/prize2016).



## High Point Premarket

The High Point Market is one of the most highly anticipated furniture events in the industry. This year's Premarket will be held September 12 and 13 in Highpoint. It will feature a wide range of case goods and upholstery introductions that will be shown for the first time in the upcoming High Point Market in October. The September Premarket will give attendees a taste of the big event coming to High Point this fall.

## Downtown Raleigh Home Show

September 9 through 11, the Downtown Raleigh Home Show will be held at the Raleigh Convention Center. The show will feature speakers who will present ideas on home improvement, design, and gardening. There will also be booths from local

and other vendors, where you can pick up some of the latest trends in design or even a quick snack. For more information visit [www.raleighfallshow.com](http://www.raleighfallshow.com).

## AIA Triangle Tour of Residential Architecture

This year the AIA will be hosting their 7th Annual Tour of Residential Architecture. This showcases award-winning, architect designed homes throughout the North Carolina Triangle area. Winners will be announced in the summer, but the tour is on October 8, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The tour is self-guided and features some of the best architecture in the area. Tickets for the 2016 Residential Tour will be available for purchase closer to the tour date. Visit [www.aiatriangletour.com](http://www.aiatriangletour.com) for more details.

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## Gallery Relocation

ArtSource  
[www.Artsourcefineart.com](http://www.Artsourcefineart.com)

ArtSource has recently relocated and expanded. Their new gallery is located at 4421-123 Six Forks Rd. This new location houses hundreds of pieces of art from over 70 local and regional artists. The new location will host events and offer framing design for all types of art. From September 22 to October 20, the gallery will be displaying their "Reverie" exhibit, featuring work from Gina Strumpf and Kathy Cousart.

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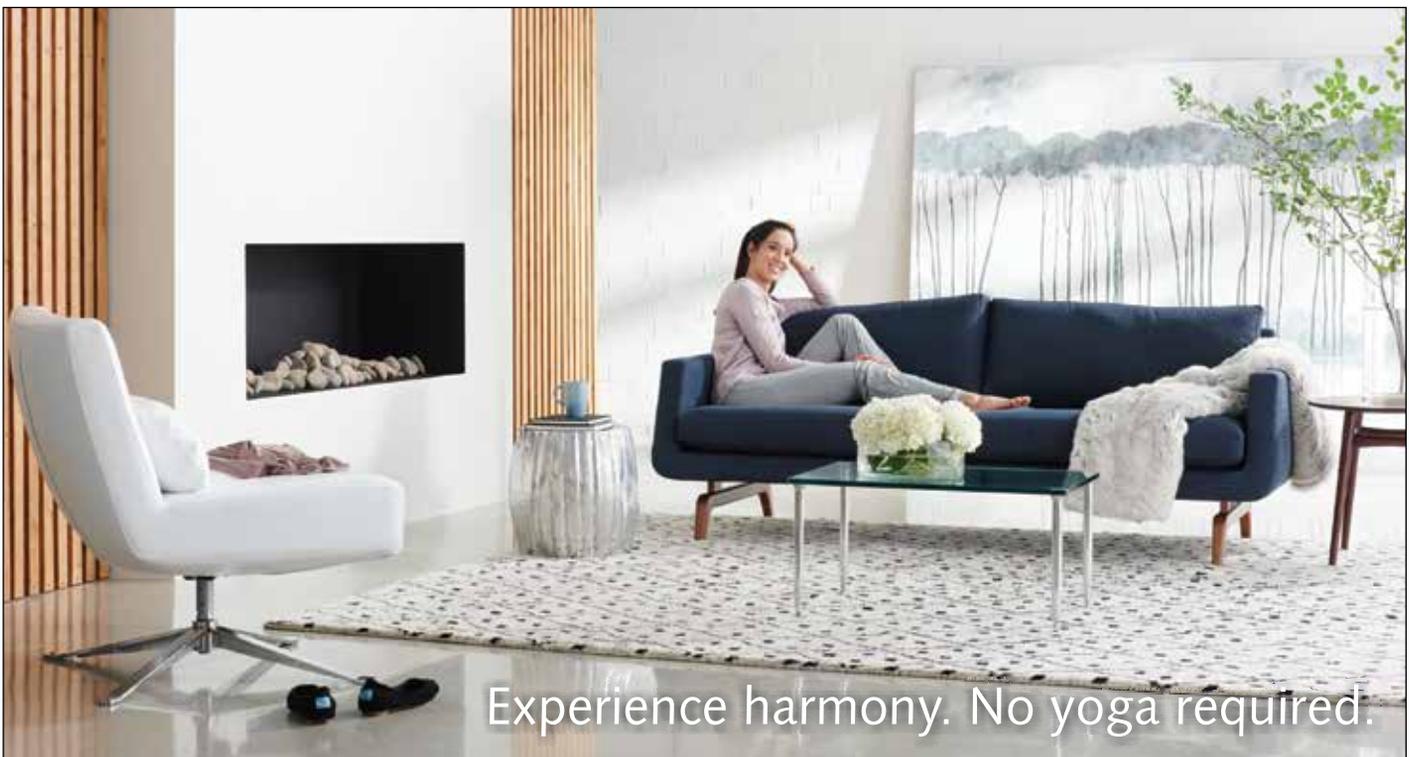
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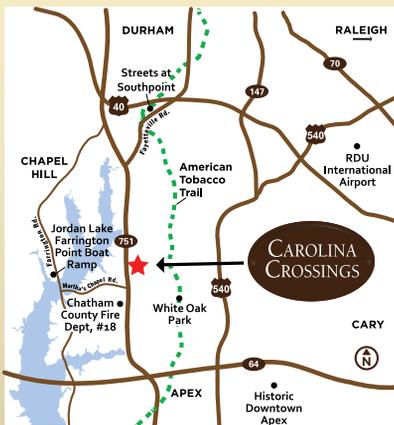
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