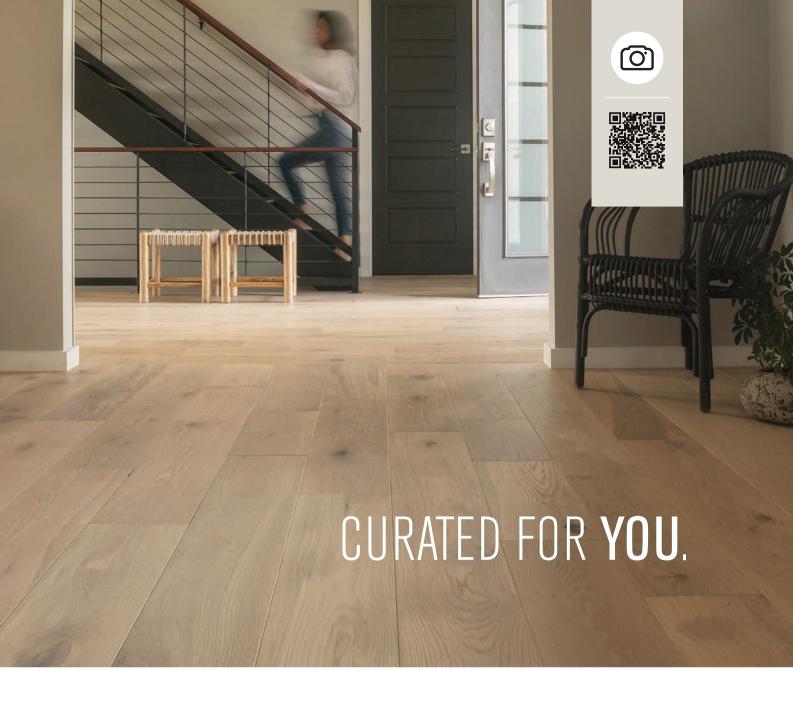


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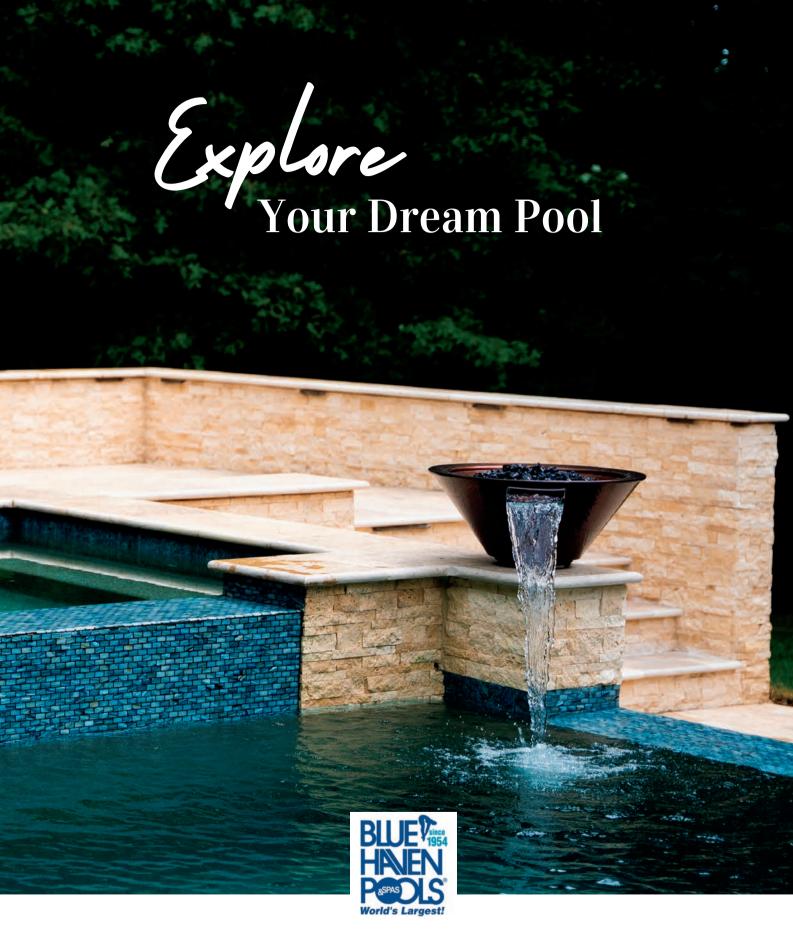
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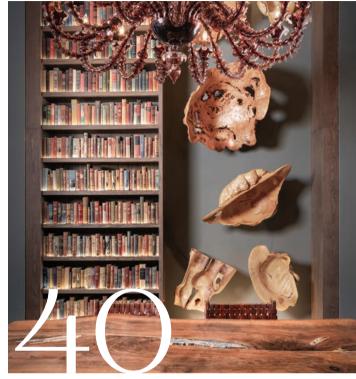
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Our annual Arts & Architecture issue is always one of our favorites. There's something alluring about a home that looks to artwork for its inspiration for design, or interior design that uses architecture as its most dominant influence. And oftentimes there's a coupling of both, resulting in a home that is stunning to admire inside and out.

This issue is no different. Our editorial team pored over submissions, trying to find that perfect balance between art and architecture, or the seamless mix in between. Lucky for us, there is no shortage of impressive art collections and jaw-dropping architecture in the Carolinas. In fact, the growth of these two elements in residential has grown exponentially; so much so that we faced a really difficult decision: choosing which projects exemplify that positive trend the most and how to showcase them best.

In the end, we hope our selections bring our readers a sampling of everything you want to see in an Arts & Architecture issue—architecture ranging from traditional to modern, and art that genuinely inspires.

We hope you love reading this issue as much as we loved producing it. Enjoy!

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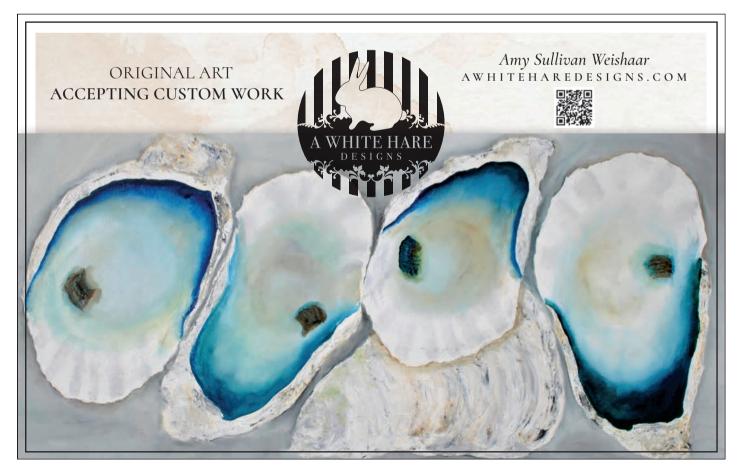
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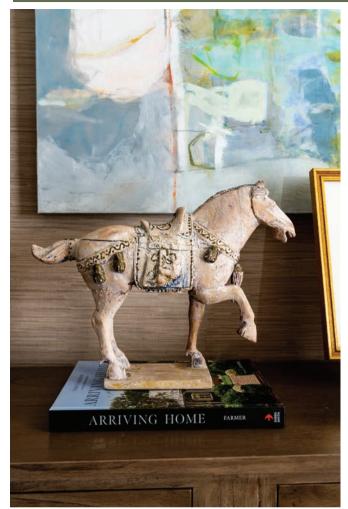




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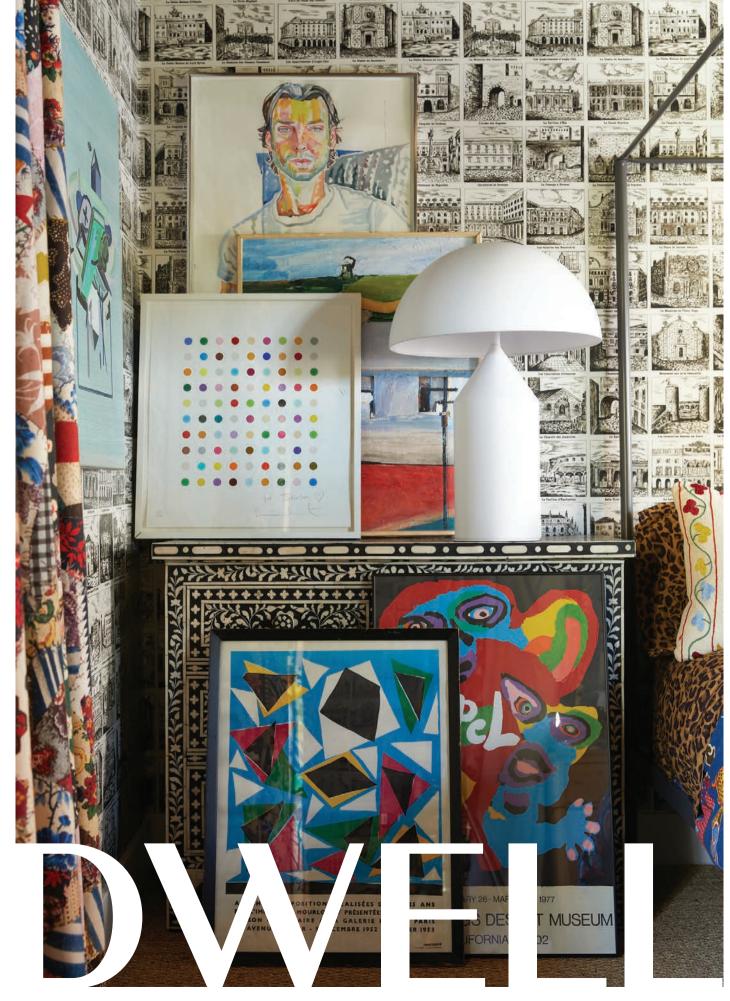
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WRITTEN BY ANNE MARIE ASHLEY

SUMMER AYERS SAVIN

When artist Summer Ayers Savin's mother died suddenly in 2018, it became difficult to carry on the business they'd created together without the sting of grief. They began their faux painting partnership in 2000, adding distinct ceiling and wall designs to residential homes. Working on ceilings is back-breaking work—literally—and between her mother's passing and two surgeries on her worn-out back, Ayers Savin knew it was time to pivot. She started Standout Creative Design, experimenting with paint on acrylic as a way of providing homeowners custom decorative ceilings without the backbreaking labor; her massive but lightweight pieces could be painted in her studio and then installed onsite in the home.

"My brain had to flip the script on how I paint," says Ayers Savin. "Painting on the backside of acrylic, I have to layer the painting in reverse—which is mind-bending at first. But the three-dimensional result is unmatched, and the wipeability makes for ultra-functional art."

Today, Ayers Savin's acrylic offerings have grown to include backsplashes, decorative furniture backplates, and surrounds for light fixtures, which are some of her favorite pieces. "It definitely makes an architectural statement," she says, noting that she creates commissioned pieces, as well. "People are picking up what I'm setting down, and it's all starting to make sense. My intent was always to share my art, and this medium strikes at the heart of wanting it to serve a purpose."

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literally envisions designs before she creates them, sometimes even dreaming about them. "One piece of fabric with a great design can really inspire me," says Keogh. "I can look at it and immediately know how I want to use it." Her shop is called Una Home Accents.

Though a background in textile design helps, the true skill lies in combining unexpected patterns and colors in familiar and brilliant ways, each piece weaving a story about her passion for texture and color. Whether it's throw pillows or tapestries, framed sewn artwork or even original woodwork pieces she creates with the help of her husband, Keogh's work has one common thread: originality.

"I draw my idea first, then I place the fabric swatches in the pattern," she explains. "Sometimes I swap fabrics out as I go, so occasionally what I envisioned in my head turns out differently because I am inspired as I'm working."

Though Keogh is passionate about the labor-intensive process (each piece can take up to twenty hours to design and create), she recently partnered with a printer to digitally print her designs, giving way to quicker productions of her most popular designs. The textures and hand-crafted aesthetic are not lost in the printed design, however. "I am just obsessed with texture; fabric is absolutely my treasured medium," she says.

You can find some of Keogh's pieces at Slate Interiors, but to see more of her work or to commission your own, visit her Instagram at @unahomeaccents.

Keogh hand-sews every piece of fabric into her designs, including pillows, tapestries, and artwork encased in acrylic, in addition to combining wood and fabric into abstract creations.



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TEXT BY JILL WALDBIESER

Outside, it has all the hallmarks of a traditional English cottage: limestone-washed brick, a cedar shake roof, half-rounded copper gutters. But inside, this home's Old-World charm gives way to a delightful burst of color and pattern that's surprisingly playful and modern. "These are not showy people," says Frank Smith, the residential designer who worked on the plans. "They're elegant, and they wanted an understated look."

For Smith, that meant keeping proportions in check and using every inch of the home's less than 5,000 square feet efficiently. As such, Smith differentiated the primary living areas from what he calls "gray space"—space that's not meant to be seen but is still



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LEFT: A coat of green paint gives the traditional library an eclectic vibe, which suits the assortment of furniture and accessories that include an Eames chair and Century Furniture cocktail tables. The painting above the fireplace was done by a family member, and the chandelier is by The Urban Electric Company.

BELOW: Designed around thirteen hand-painted de Gournay panels, the dining room is impactful. The table and chairs are by Century Furniture with Stark carpet underfoot.

important for living. Living areas are laid out in clean lines with hidden gems filling the gray space. "I love hiding spaces like home offices," he says. "Even from the foyer, you can't see the stairs, so no one is distracted from the sightlines."

Modern touches include ten-foot ceilings and large windows in the dining room that bring a contemporary feel and "a huge piece of drama," says Smith. Designer Amanda Patton Swaringen adds that "the dining room is one of the biggest wow factors in the house." She and designer Jaime Tokarczyk from Carolina Design Associates LLC were pulled in at the project's outset and began selecting colors and fabrics while it was still in blueprints.

"The owners loved traditional elements mixed with cleaner lines—but not too clean," notes Swaringen. They also embraced color and pattern, and wanted their home to feel warm and livable. "They said, 'We live in our home. It's not a showplace."

One of the first things Swaringen and Tokarczyk did was inventory the homeowners' previous home before it was razed to build the current cottage in its place. "They didn't want to start over with a clean slate because they







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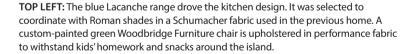
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TOP RIGHT: The scullery and bar area sits at the center of the house and is one of Frank Smith's signature elements. The plum color, pulled from the Cole & Son wallpaper, is elevated with a high-gloss finish.

BOTTOM LEFT: In the living room, Smith and Swaringen aligned aesthetics to create satisfying symmetry. The Urban Electric Company chandelier is understated to allow the elements to speak to each other, like the Hickory Chair sofa with Romo fabric and the Century Chair swivels that flank the room. Heirloom antique lamps set the stage.



loved their belongings," says Swaringen. "It was important to them to use some of their antiques, but we also added new furniture, textiles, and rugs that complemented them."

The homeowners' few specific requests, usually one element in each room, became the driving force behind the design. In the dining room, it was handpainted de Gournay wallpaper panels; in the kitchen, it was the Lacanche range, which Swaringen and Tokarczyk had refinished to match Roman shades, fashioned from drapes with a beloved pattern that hung in the previous home.

Despite intentional statement-making rooms, including a plum-hued high-gloss scullery and a cheery green library, the overall aesthetic is classic and timeless—a multifaceted showpiece where this family can live comfortably ever after.



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Amy WĔISHAAR

Artist Amy Weishaar has always been a student of the arts, gravitating toward crayons and paper at just three years old. Wandering halls of local museums with her parents, Weishaar's ability only blossomed as she moved through school, and by the time she entered The Ohio State University, a degree in creative arts was the natural choice.

After working in the fashion design industry for years, she started a family. Her origin as an artist began to re-emerge as she helped her children with school projects or painted the occasional mural in the school hallway, and she soon found herself picking up brushes once again. "I discovered new ways to express my artistic ability as my children got older," says Weishaar, "and I began painting murals or faux finishes for friends and family. I was in my forties when I studied oil painting with [fine artist] Gordon C. James for three years."

When Weishaar's friend saw her oil paintings, she encouraged her to sell the art in the store she owned. Now Weishaar's art is hanging in homes and offices from coast to coast, and even internationally. Her angel and oyster paintings are some of her most popular works, and the items on her design board are inspired by this painting, Airlie Moon.

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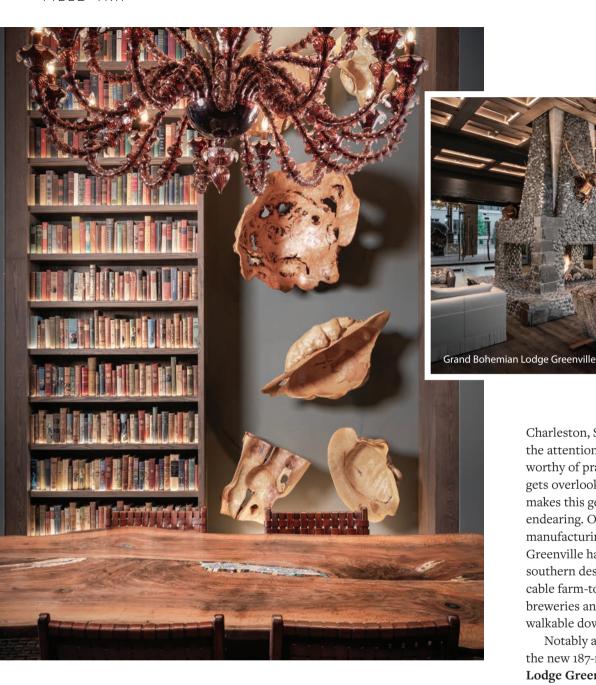
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TEXT BY BLAKE MILLER

Charleston, South Carolina, gets all of the attention. And while it's certainly worthy of praise, too often Greenville gets overlooked, which is exactly what makes this gem of a town even more endearing. Once known for textile manufacturing, over the last decade Greenville has quickly become a popular southern destination due to its impeccable farm-to-table dining, its emerging breweries and distilleries, and a lively, walkable downtown.

Notably added to the landscape, the new 187-room Grand Bohemian Lodge Greenville is an architectural masterwork from the Kessler Collection that seamlessly blends into its natural environment. With its proximity to Falls Park on the Reedy, the hotel's architecture—aptly named "Parkitecture"—is a nod to other national parks and lodges. The interiors pay homage to the spirit of Greenville and the indigenous people who once lived there, using cedar and regionally sourced stone accented with geodes and jade throughout.

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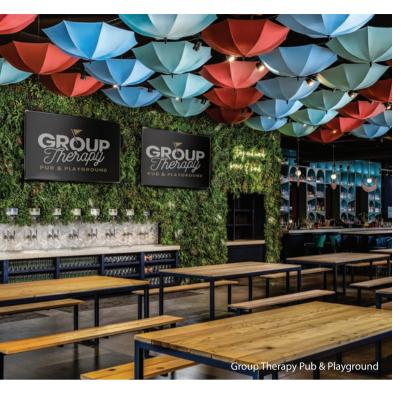




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Next, Uber to Mr. Crisp, where a bartender will mix up artisan cocktails like Benne & the Jets—a delicious brown-butter washed bourbon mixed with sesame gardenia, Amaro di Angostura, Bénédictine, and cherry bark vanilla—served in a classic midcentury-modern glass. Chefs here source some of the freshest seafood in South Carolina for Mr. Crisp's fare, including its raw oyster offerings. Sample several kinds before digging into a whole fried snapper with masa crust, pumpkin-seed mole, and a touch of pico verde and lime. •

STAY & ADMIRE

Artwork played a major role in the Grand Bohemian Lodge Greenville's interior design, with many pieces throughout the hotel sourced from owner Richard C. Kessler's \$2 million private collection. Paintings and sculptures depicting Native American life (such as the one in the photo, right), are curated in every corner of the hotel. There's even an impressive fourteen-foot-tall bronze statue of a warrior on horseback.







and comforting vintage hue laced with chocolate brown maintains a tension of temperature with a versatile range of amber cast to briny cadet undertones. Pairing well with nature's neutrals like umber, slate, pistachio, and alabaster, tastefully inconspicuous becomes invigorated with accents of vermillion, deep plum, marmalade, lilac, aquamarine, and chartreuse.

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THE MOST IMPORTANT gift the homeowners got from family was an appreciation for art. The homeowner credits her mother-in-law with inspiring her and her husband to begin a collection. "She was a true art-lover and inspired the same in my husband and me," she says. The very first piece in the couple's now-impressive collection was an engagement gift— a painting of the homeowner's family home in Martha's Vineyard, where her husband proposed.

Today, that painting, which hangs in the dining room of their home designed (and redesigned) to accommodate a shared passion for art, is only one of dozens of pieces the couple has collected since—a family tradition they're already trying to pass down to their sons, ages fifteen and thirteen. "Every room is filled with art, including our children's rooms," the homeowner says. "We encourage them to pick something out to return with when we travel."

She and her husband also like to gift each other art on special occasions, and are apt to buy first and figure out where to place later, which has led to some interesting design choices, including an interior renovation of their traditional Georgian home. "We've had a good time moving rooms around to fit the art," she says.

To help, she enlisted interior designer Margaret Fisher and also looked to friend and designer Natalie Papier of Home Ec. In addition, art



ABOVE: Dominating the entryway is a piece by Meghann Riepenhoff, an artist who uses a technique of leaving photo paper out in the elements. This work was created when the paper was laid over the trunk of a tree as it started to rain and snow. The result is a moment in time captured on paper.

OPPOSITE: Transforming the former living room into a formal dining room started with pulling some of the green tones out of the Cole & Son wallpaper and contrasting them with peach-and-white striped draperies the couple had in a previous home. The Heritage dining table and chairs are another family heirloom that once belonged to the homeowner's aunt.

consultant Nelia Verano was integral in helping the couple cultivate some of their most coveted pieces. Beyond the palpable presence of art, though, the house is not remotely museum-like. With two teen boys and a huge hound dog, Duke, who drools a lot, the place had to be livable, says the homeowner. "We like to have everything comfortable. Nothing is too precious because it needs to be a place where we live."

When the couple bought the home, they were primarily concerned with having space for their growing family, but after living there for a while, they realized some changes were in order. "We were never using the living room, except for Christmas," she says, so it made sense to swap it with the then dining room to accommodate dinner parties the couple loves to host. The result is an expanded dining space her husband likes to call "the board room."

The second major change involved converting another unused room into a sunroom. "It was originally a breakfast room," says the homeowner. "We lived with it for several years but we were really never sitting down together







ABOVE: In the sitting room, the homeowner splurged on Lee Jofa's Kelly Wearstler Crescent wallpaper. It's something she had long coveted and feels is a piece of art in its own right. The Victorian-era marble-top side table once graced her grandparents' farmhouse just outside Charlotte, and the burl-wood dresser was passed down from her mother-in-law.

OPPOSITE: When an old walnut tree on her grandparents' farm was struck by lightning, the homeowner's family salvaged the wood and turned it into blanket chests for all of the grandchildren, jewelry boxes for the girls, and this bed. The bedside table is from Worlds Away and the blanket is by Gregory Parkinson from R. Runberg. The art is a piece from local artist Addison Wahler.

at a table and having a meal." The family had a tendency to gather around the kitchen island, which they extended, and they transformed the former breakfast room into a conduit to the backyard and pool. Now, it's a comfortable place where the family can gather to play mahjong or do puzzles or entertain friends. "We spend a ton of time in here now," she says.

The most recent change was converting a nook above the stairs, formerly a nursery, into what the homeowner calls her "big girl office" with a built-in desk, a window seat, and sunny yellow butterfly wallpaper by Peg Norriss, part of a collaboration with Barrie Benson and Chandra Johnson. "I love wallpaper," she says. "It adds a lot of extra dimension to a room."

"My client comes to the table with a lot of ideas. She's not afraid to try things, and she loves color and texture," says Fisher, who also worked on the interiors of the family's previous home. The designer notes that the family's style has evolved along with





their taste in art. "In their previous house, there were a lot of landscapes and waterscapes and boats, which gave it a slightly more nautical feel," she says. "As they've grown their collection, it's much more eclectic and spans different genres." There is a mix of fine art and art by local artists they know and love, like Holly Keogh, who has become a close friend of the couple's.

"My husband and I started out with very, very different tastes," says the homeowner. "He was more of a traditional

landscape impressionist type of person, and I'm more into modern abstract, but we both evolved a little." The decor follows suit with a seamless coupling of contemporary pieces and antiques, some inherited from her mother-in-law, who sadly passed after they moved into their new home. "The juxtaposition of antique and modern is what does it for me," says the homeowner. "We love incorporating family pieces into the design of our home."





ABOVE: The nook above the stairs was transformed into a home office, where Fisher added a window seat and a built-in desk with Evans knobs in malachite from Modern Matter. But the room's real showstopper is the Peg Norriss wallpaper, part of a collaboration with Barrie Benson and Chandra Johnson. This pattern was done in collaboration with artist Anne Lemanski and is called Queen's Flight.

LEFT: When the family moved in, the den walls were knotty pine, which they painted in high-gloss Hague Blue by Farrow & Ball. "It makes it feel elegant and special in a cool way," says the homeowner. The large painting over the sofa was commissioned from Georgia artist Caroline Swetenburg specifically for the space. The colorful piece that looks like tree rings is by François du Plessis and is made from books, a theme in their collection since the couple are both avid readers.

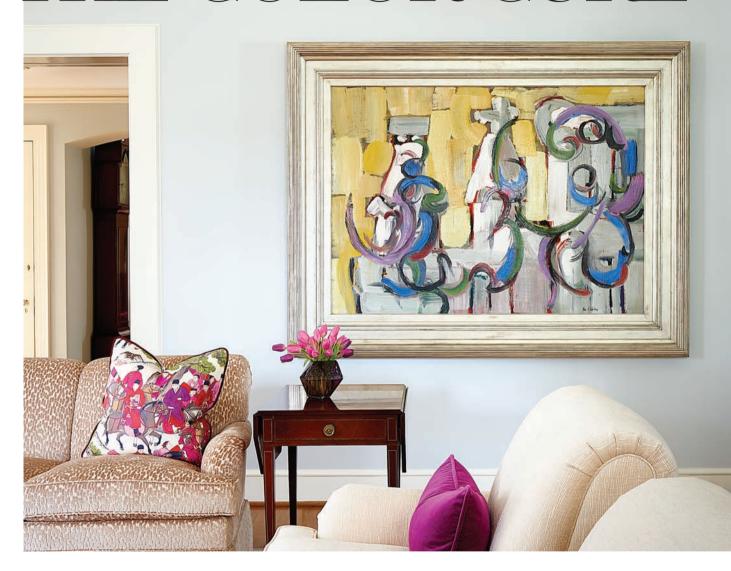
The pair trade off on choosing art. The painting of a red sunset in the navy den, for example, was her husband's choice, purchased last spring in New York from a gallery in Scotland. On the other side of the door hangs a piece they got in Miami several years ago.

The house and the art collection are both works in progress, even now. "We're always adding and moving things around," explains the homeowner. Recently, she says they've

both been drawn to alternative photography pieces, which was an unexpected twist in their collection. "It's easy to look at something and say, 'Oh, that's pretty,' but we both like to find things that make you think or give you a different perspective," she says. "And also things that remind us of a trip or good time together, family, things we love, places we love. You can find art anywhere." \spadesuit



THE COLOR CURE



DESIGNER LOUISE JOHNSON BRINGS A 1920S SPARTANBURG, SOUTH CAROLINA, HOME TO LIFE WITH INSPIRING ARTWORK AND BOLD COLOR.

TEXT BY BLAKE MILLER | PHOTOGRAPHY BY DUSTIN PECK



LOUISE JOHNSON loves a design challenge. When her client approached her about renovating a home in Spartanburg, South Carolina, Johnson immediately jumped at the opportunity. "The owners have a strong appreciation for art, both historical and contemporary, as well as an extensive art collection," she says. "Couple that with the renovation of a historic home, and it was an amazing opportunity." The stately home was originally designed by prominent southern architect Neel Reid more than a century ago. And while the previous homeowners had done some updating to the home, what remained was a dark, dated interior with a choppy floor plan not amenable to today's living.

The homeowners saw past any cosmetic eyesores, however, and knew that with the help of Johnson, architect Albert Jolly, and designer Matthew Quinn—who collaborated on the









The artwork above the family room fireplace is by American modernist artist Beauford Delaney. Below, Johnson worked with Matthew Quinn on the kitchen design, which features custom cabinetry by Design Galleria out of Atlanta. **OPPOSITE:** In the dining room, Johnson opted for a monochromatic design to allow the homeowners' porcelain collection and artwork to shine, and used the homeowners' existing Oriental panels to create a focal point in the room.



kitchen, bar, and primary bath renovations—the home could be updated for their modern-day lifestyle. "My clients love and respect the classic architecture in the home," says Johnson. "We knew we could make small tweaks cosmetically and to the floor plan and it would instantly update the home while maintaining the integrity of its historic architecture."

Walls in both the kitchen and primary bedroom were removed, and all remaining walls were updated with a fresh coat of paint. Johnson's goal was "to create a home that honored a traditional background while blending contemporary appointments and a love of color," she explains. "Clean lines and crisp hues mix well with antique pieces, cut velvet, and monochromatic damask fabrics." In the foyer, an antique settee in a brilliant metallic hot pink is the perfect complement to the artwork along the stairway wall—the homeowners' collection of works from southern artists.

In the living room, a de Gournay wallcovering in a custom color combination sets the tone for









The guest bedroom exemplifies the homeowners' love of bold color. The tangerine draperies in an Old World Weavers fabric inspired the room's design. "With this fabric and painted trim to match, it became the only color necessary for the guest room," says Johnson. "Beloved bedding and a dressing table in black-and-white toile from the owner's grandmother make this space very special."

several treasured pieces, including an antique chest. Couple these standout pieces with photos of the homeowners' travels, contemporary artwork, and bold fabric choices, and the result is an elevated aesthetic throughout the home. "I love layering old with new, antiques with modern artwork," says Johnson. "It makes it a more interesting space."

While artwork drove much of the interior design, color played an almost equal role. "The owner has a special affinity for purple and red, which we were able to incorporate into the family room and primary bedroom, and we even included a purple lacquered bar," says Johnson. "These bold color choices make the home both traditional and unexpected. The homeowners are classic but love an unexpected element of color in each space." A tangerine drapery fabric from Old World Weavers led to painting the guest bedroom's original millwork a similar hue, instantly brightening the

space. Throughout, varying shades of purple bring areas to life. "Most people would never be bold enough to commit to a purple lacquered bar, but it was an idea that my client suggested, and we ran with it!" says Johnson. Upstairs in the primary bedroom, the designer added a patterned fabric by Hazelton House lined with a purple Old World Weavers material to make a vivid, beautiful statement. "It is a treat to have a client who is both daring with her design styles and trusting of mine."

The home has been a work in progress, with Johnson making small tweaks over time to create a harmonious aesthetic that simultaneously respects the architectural integrity of the home while highlighting her client's love of art and color. "It's the perfect marriage of honoring the past and creating a home that will grow with her family," says Johnson. "This project was a total dream as a designer." lack lack

THE JEWEL ROX

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THE TEAM BEHIND OZ ARCHITECTS AND OZ INTERIORS TRANSFORMS AN OUTDATED HOME INTO A MODERN-DAY ARCHITECTURAL STUNNER.









ABOVE: The homeowners wanted a landscape design with low water and maintenance requirements, but one that still complemented the home. After lengthy research, they found several options to achieve the aesthetic and enlisted Autrey Kemp Nurseries and Gardens to bring the design to fruition.

BELOW: Just off the back of the house, the patio space is the outdoor entertaining and family hangout zone. The modern fireplace sets the tone for the area, which features furniture by Teak Warehouse in a durable Sunbrella fabric.

WHEN SCOTTSDALE, Arizonabased Oz Architects and Oz Interiors first got the call about a project in Charlotte, the team initially thought the focus would solely be on the interiors. But when the group flew out from their headquarters to see the home on site, they immediately knew that this project would encompass much more. "It morphed into 'Let's make this into the home they really want," says architect Nick Sehman.

The SouthPark home was a 1970s traditional red brick Colonial, "a five, four, and a door," as the homeowner lovingly called it, referring to its traditional exterior and entrance with five top windows, four bottom, and a front door. "It looked like every other home on the block," says Oz interior designer Laura Huttenhauer.

Not one to shy away from a challenge, the design team, along with builder Stanwick Dunham, wanted to transform the house into their client's dream home: a warm, modern dwelling that respected the original traditional architectural details rather than strip them away. "Our architectural philosophy is rooted in the idea that homes and buildings should last longer than our own lives and should be built to be used for generations to come," says Oz interior designer Inga L. Rehmann. "We wanted to keep the integrity and











good bones of the original building while honoring the character of the traditional brick homes we saw throughout Charlotte." Adds the homeowner, who disagreed with outsiders' opinions that the home should be razed: "We wanted to do something different but also be respectful of the neighborhood; I didn't want to build a home that looked like it belonged in California."

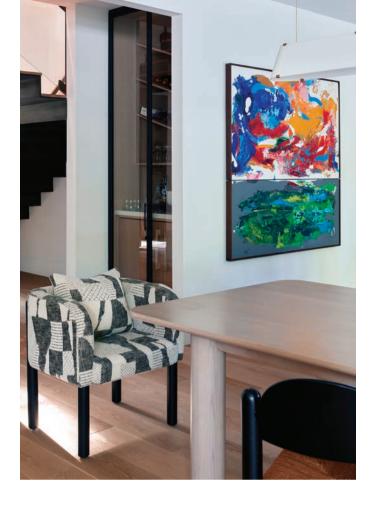
The design team, including principal architect Don Ziebell, went to work redesigning the facade with subtle edits like a more modern entry, larger windows with black steel frames, dormers, and a more cohesive, streamlined look on the adjacent addition that was added years prior.

Inside, the once choppy floor plan was opened up. A kitchen refresh resulted in a warm contemporary gathering place for the family of four. "Our goal was to integrate the existing addition, and new additions, with the rest of the home in material and character while bringing in a few modern touches, so that the whole home felt purposeful and complete," says Rehmann. Atop the addition, a new primary en suite was added, giving the homeowners more square footage. The design team transformed the third-floor unfinished attic into a full-floor casual family hangout space with a warm, modern Scandinavian aesthetic to match.

But one of the most pivotal changes to the home was in the foyer, where Sehman reworked the previously traditional one-story entry into a breathtaking modern staircase that doubles as a work of art. "It's completely unexpected based on the home's traditional-looking exterior," says the architect, who notes that Steve Lukens of Masterpiece Staircase & Millwork was critical in bringing the design to fruition. "This is the stunning focal point of the home. At night when the lights are on, it glows beautifully. The glass windows, steel columns, and floating steel staircase were integral to the whole project and influenced the interior design."







The interior design, while modern, is decidedly warm and inviting. "We didn't want to make the house feel too clean, too sleek, and overly modern because that wouldn't complement what was happening on the exterior of the house," explains Huttenhauer. "I think warmth from the wood tones adds to that moody feel versus everything stark white." Furnishings with a bit of a modern flare mingle with midcentury modern and traditional elements. "We like to blend textures and materials, with layers of different styles in varying finishes and furnishings. We like to balance wood with metal and glass with textured elements; we love that juxtaposition," says Rehmann. "The homeowners call their home a jewel box because unique details and special design touches are scattered like gems throughout the house."

The result of the project that took more than a year to complete is a home that feels elevated, inviting, and warm, and unlike anything typical in Charlotte. For the couple, who hail from New York City, the home—from the exterior to the stunning interiors—is exactly what they envisioned. "You know you have something special when the subcontractors, some really talented craftsmen, tell you that they've never seen anything like this home in Charlotte," says the homeowner. "They work on homes all over the area, so when they say it's special, you know the design team created something pretty incredible." ◆





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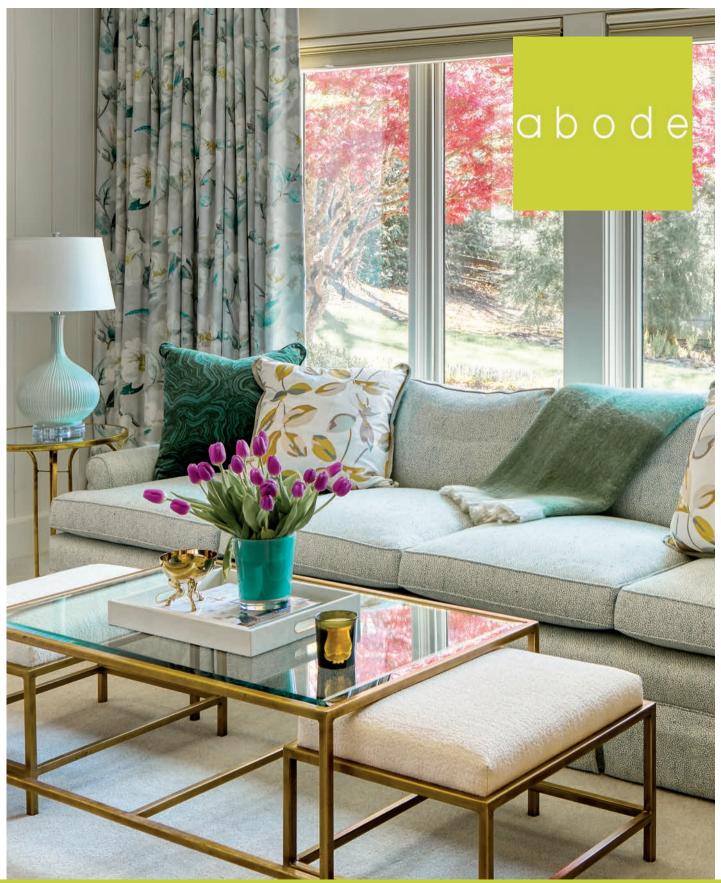
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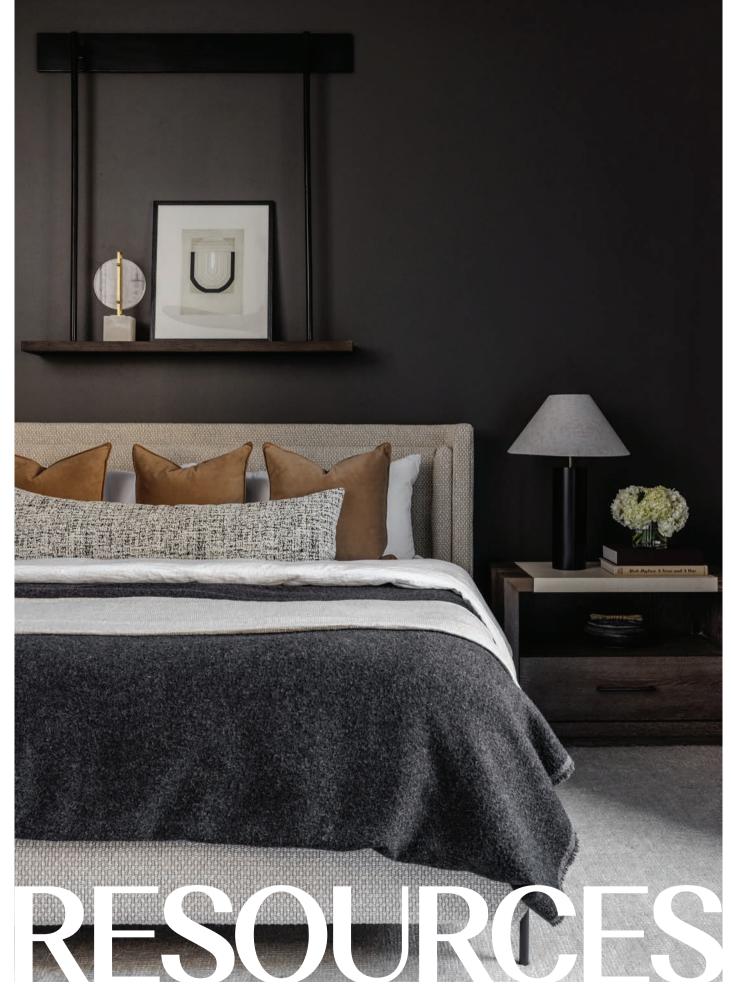
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INTERIOR DESIGN TRENDS ARE SERIOUSLY SOOTHING IN 2023.

WRITTEN BY BRANDY WOODS SNOW



Given the enormous stress levels of the last few years and the considerable concerns regarding health and wellness, the design world seems to be responding by shifting focus to a place of calm, relaxation, and serenity—a place where homeowners can take a deep breath, minimize stress, and regain the peace of nature within their own homes.

According to designer Amy Lee, owner of Artistic Interiors, calming and well-curated interiors reliant on neutral palettes and organic materials are in high demand, as homeowners are looking to create havens for cozy relaxation in their spaces.

"Clients want a holistic and calming environment. Warmer, natural, and more organic materials are trending due to an increased demand to surround ourselves with nature at home,"



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says Lee. "I'm excited to use these natural materials again, bringing them back in a new and refreshing light. I have always been drawn to natural, earthy colors, so this shift in trends fits perfectly with my personal aesthetic."

Brown and beige tones are re-emerging, along with deep greens and shades of orange. Various hues of red are also predicted to gain traction over the next few months. While bouclé is still popular, Lee expects natural textured materials such as wool, mohair, linen, and cotton-velvet to remain strong throughout the year. In a dramatic twist, she also notes that tapestries are coming in hot for 2023.

As for case goods, the call for both natural and dark-stained wood is making a strong comeback, and Lee says that while the demand centers on rift-cut white oak, she also expects to see a resurgence in Ash. Likewise, warm stone materials like travertine, limestone, and brown marble will be revived in new designs, as well as wall finishes like plaster and Venetian plaster. In hardware and plumbing, lacquered brass will make a bold move from past to present.

Lee notes that while walls are remaining bright, the overall finishes and furniture are becoming moodier and cozier, not as light and airy as in previous months, and that homeowners can easily impart this same ambiance into their space in a few strategic ways.

"The best way to bring these materials to the forefront is to ensure they are being used in an updated fashion. Whether a textured limestone wall tile or a honed brown marble-slab splash,



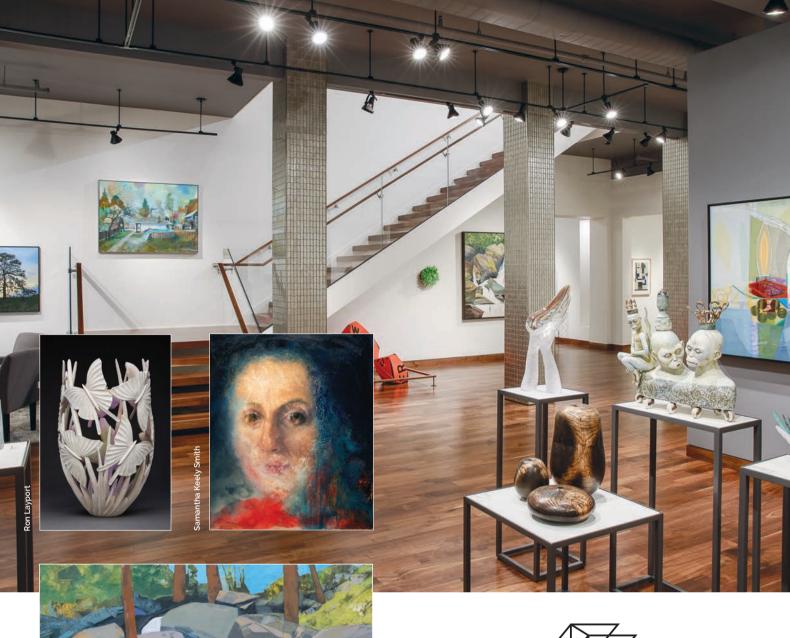
the application of the materials is different from how we have seen them used in the past," says Lee. "We are seeing these trends being brought in through light fixtures made from plaster and side tables made from more dark and rich stones."

Artistic Interiors has several design projects in process built around these natural, organic materials, and expects demand to continue to rise. For homeowners interested in imparting a warm, natural appeal to their spaces, Lee and her team of six seasoned designers have a seamless process, tailored specifically to each client's personal goals and aesthetics. "Artistic Interiors is a full-service, one-stop-shop for our clients, constantly striving to provide new designs and solutions for each project," says Lee. "We create custom interiors individually curated for our clients' personalities and lifestyles." •



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Planning a home renovation should be exciting. Perusing online boards and trade magazines for the hottest new trends should be inspiring. But will that spark of interest translate smoothly from your imagination to your home? What if some of the design choices you made weren't the best choices for your family? If you could see, feel, and experience the elements of your design before you made the final purchase, would it affect your decisions?

Lynn Blackwell, owner of Lynn Blackwell Interior Design, strives to create beautiful and functional spaces that sync with her clients' needs, and the company's state-of-the-art showroom and studio gives clients the perfect place to experience their design firsthand.





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"We present our projects in our studio and then help our clients explore actual items in the showroom," says Blackwell. "We hope having these two spaces together makes the process easier and more streamlined."

When it comes to designing on trend, Blackwell doesn't jump on board with every new popular style. She appreciates classic forms with updated finishes and fabrics, beautiful art, and interesting accessories. "I love mixing in a little old with new, especially vintage accessories that I can't find in any of our many sources," says Blackwell. "I pay attention to trends only when

they make sense for a particular environment. Brass finishes, live-edge tables, open shelving, and industrial elements have all been popular lately but may only be right in certain situations."

In one of her latest projects, Blackwell mixes modern furniture shapes with organic wood pieces in each room, where the rustic wood is an important and curated part of the comprehensive look that won't soon be outdated. In another project, clients wanted minimal color and modern flair with rustic and industrial elements, but the home's stately architecture required a complementary interior, so they selected materials appropriate for a Tudor-inspired modern home. Likewise, Blackwell and her team transformed a lakeside Dutch colonial with traditional bones into a grandmillennial Hamptons stunner using a mix of classic furnishings, rustic antiques, and sentimental accessories.

Blackwell sees each new project as an exploration. She collaborates with her clients to discover an interior style in detail, and then executes it with every purchasing decision. "We are proud of our ability to create well-functioning homes with distinct styles," says Blackwell. "We strive for authenticity in all of our projects and design a consistent look that's appropriate for the house, its site, and its architectural style."





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WHEN SHARI MCDERMOTT ASKED ME TO GIVE HER PRIMARY BEDROOM A LONG-OVERDUE REDESIGN, I WAS EAGER TO TACKLE THE PROJECT.

I had worked with the family of four when I renovated the main living spaces of their home, so I was already familiar with the home and their aesthetic.

After showing Shari three design options, we went with this serene—yet hardly boring—space. A custom Phillip Jeffries wallpaper is the showstopper in the room. I wanted a large-scale pattern in light colors as a backdrop for all the neutral furnishings. Hints of white and off-white, along with a touch of gold leaf for a little shimmer, fill the space. We

chose pendant lights to keep the stylish side-table chests uncluttered, and added a complementary dresser that's just as striking.

A soft, cozy sofa provides a comfy landing spot for a little reading. To elevate and complete this quiet reading area, we included a bookcase. It was only available with silver accents, so we added a little gold leaf on-site. This did the trick, connecting it to the other pieces.

Textures and tones play off of each other yet seamlessly flow together. The room looks even more beautiful than we expected. With the large-patterned grasscloth wallpaper, a smaller-scale patterned Stark carpet called to me, so we layered that in as well. The elegant chandelier is soft and









reflective, and two wall sconces anchored by hide stoops flank the Samsung Frame TV, adding just a little more detail and texture. And speaking of the Samsung Frame TV . . . if you aren't already aware, it's my new favorite thing. Not only are these TVs thin, but they also show high-quality artwork when not in use, and the frame is available in multiple colors.

When renovating, the primary bedroom is usually the last room in the house we tackle. But when it's complete, we all wonder why we didn't do it first.

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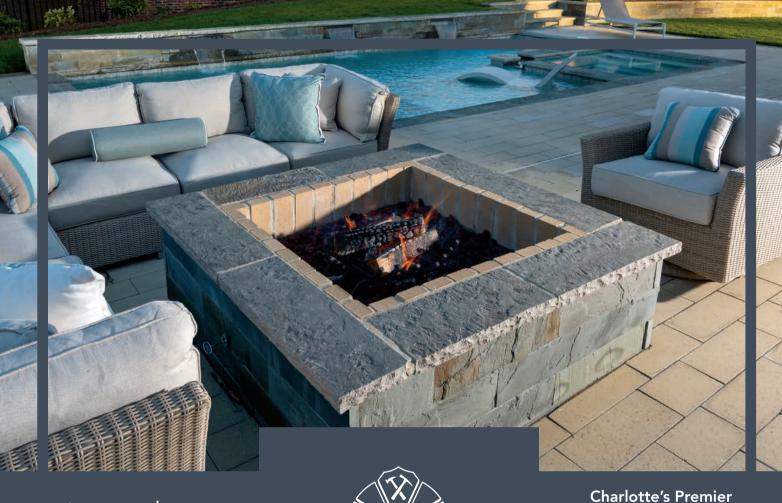
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