



# WHO'S WHO

## in charlotte interior design

BY VICKI PAYNE



Lucky is the Charlotte resident who's planning to renovate, update or refresh their habitats this year. Charlotte is home to some of the country's top interior designers and delightful shopping venues.

It was a tremendous treat and honor to put together the first annual Charlotte Living's Who's Who in Charlotte Design. This year's top 10 leading ladies of interior spaces represent some of the best designers nationwide.

Their style ranges from classic to rhythmic. They represent a variety of backgrounds, educational training and years of front line experience. Common to all is their individual style, impeccable work, attention to detail, and the creation of spaces that inspire their clients. Working with a talented designer entuses a fresh approach to challenges, and the results are always exciting.

Charlotte's wonderful retailers augment their success. I asked each designer to share a few of her favorite shopping haunts with us. Be sure to check out the Great Places to Shop for Your Home section. Why not spend the day with a friend discovering new home décor shops and become inspired. \*

Watch Vicki's show "For Your Home" on WTVI, PBS Saturdays 10:30am, on Create TV Tuesday and Thursday at 11:00am and 5:30pm or online at [www.foryourhome.com](http://www.foryourhome.com).

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# CAREN BISTANY



Caren Bistany is an award-winning designer and creator of custom cabinetry with 25 years of experience in the industry. She is passionately involved in every aspect of the cabinetry process, from space planning and design through construction, installation and final finishing. Through two decades of

steady growth, Caren has deliberately chosen to keep her company small in order to provide a truly personalized and tailored liaison with her clients. One of her greatest joys is hearing that her work has transformed the homes and the lives of her clients.

## DESIGN STYLE

Caren's design expertise is complemented by strong technical knowledge, allowing her to create cabinetry that goes beyond beauty to become an integral, functional enhancement for the entire home. Her love for architecture, millwork, interior design, and art is evident in her inspired designs and meticulous attention to detail.

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## FAVORITE PLACE TO SHOP IN CHARLOTTE FOR CLIENTS

"I can't name one in particular. Over the years I have developed strong relationships with a variety of vendors in Charlotte for tile, granite, plumbing fixtures, appliances and hardware.

## HOTTEST DESIGN TRENDS

Clean lines supported by high quality products, natural materials, and a well-balanced mix of textures and finishes.