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*A contemporary
entryway, dining
room, and staircase
designed by the
talented Beth Keim of
Lucy and Company.*

THE DESIGN ISSUE

Gorgeous interiors from Charlotte's
finest designers including Beth Keim,
Amy Vermillion, Jaclyn Ehrlich, Lisa
Sherry, and many more.

MAGIC IN THE MAKING

Black Dove Interiors' owner Amber Cagle
on design, inspiration, and her work.

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AMBER CAGLE HAS A LOVE FOR BIRDS (AS CAPTURED BY A WRIST tattoo she sports). “Black Dove” was an easy choice of a moniker for her edgy, new interior design company. The dove represents peace and love, both of which describe her work ethos, too.

After falling in love with art at a young age, Cagle majored in interior design at Appalachian State and joined a commercial architecture firm in Charlotte shortly thereafter. Her career began with small tasks such as picking out furniture for restaurants, salons, and libraries. Eight years later, she found

herself finishing projects from concept to completion, and decided she was ready for a new challenge.

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She knew that eventually she wanted to start her own business, but the timing wasn’t quite right. So, she and her little dog moved to Cordoba, Argentina, where Amber worked at an



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architectural visualization firm for two and a half years. Working with a team of extremely talented designers on photo-realistic renderings and animations broadened her design and architecture skills tenfold, and she learned about new construction methods, trends, products, and ideas.

“I saw projects from architects all over the world... Dubai, Qatar, LA, Sri Lanka”

Cagle came back from Argentina four years ago with a new dream, and hit the ground running with her own firm, a boutique, full-service interior design studio. Today, when designing a space, the brand new Black Dove Interiors regularly draws inspiration from traveling, researching social platforms, reading magazines and art books, and attending trade shows and flea markets. They often visit local vendors for things like wallpaper,



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antiques, vintage rugs, tiles, and flooring. The designing process begins by taking a trip to the site, taking pictures, and listening to the owner's thoughts and ideas. Black Dove, under Amber's lead, assesses what needs to change and what doesn't, then creates a project program that is cumulative of the client's wants and needs, and Black Dove's professional suggestions.

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Design is a process that can take months or years, as Amber well knows, and Black Dove Interiors believes in creating art out of space for a unique, lasting emotional imprint and a home that's all your own.

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INTERIOR DESIGN



BLACK DOVE INTERIORS

Charlotte, NC



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