

CHARLOTTE URBAN

# HOME

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CELEBRATING INSPIRATIONAL DESIGN AND PERSONAL STYLE





# MID-TOWN FUNK

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When her clients found Amy Lee of Artistic Interiors in Charlotte, they'd just purchased a lot close to uptown and were building a modern home that needed an designer's touch.

AMY STEPPED IN AND HELPED them choose everything from the cabinetry to the paint colors to the lighting and beyond, creating a space that was simultaneously inspirational and relaxing.

"I had to incorporate my clients' unique, artistic personality into a design that also had a cozy and comfortable atmosphere," Amy explains. Easy-peasy for this Charlotte by-way-of New York designer, also a member of the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID). The couple rightly assumed that her experience in the big apple would offer just the right amount of edge they were looking to bring to their





home. “I brought my style in a balance of color and pattern with the right mix of materials and textures,” offers Amy. “Most of my projects have a cohesive, sophisticated feel to them, regardless of whether it’s a Mid-Century modern or New Traditional style.”

Influenced heavily by fashion, music, literature and art, Amy’s clients allowed her to run with her gut when it came to designing each space – which according to her is her decorating secret. “I can’t explain it, but I just



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know in my gut when I’ve found the right material or piece of furniture for my clients.” Pulling from any number of high-end, one-of-a-kind boutiques right down to national chains like *Homegoods*, Amy rounded out the home with a keen eye for the perfect accessories. “Don’t be afraid to hire a professional to help you!” she suggests, adding to make sure that the professional has a degree in interior design or is a member of a professional member of an association like ASID. “To me, good design is achieved if it meets the homeowner’s goals while also creating a space that invites others to come in and explore.” ❖