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Escape to Lake Toxaway with this
Lucy and Company design.

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AT RIGHT AROUND THREE HOURS FROM CHARLOTTE, LAKE Toxaway is a 640 acre oasis in a naturally preserved mountain setting. This beautiful backdrop was the stage for a full-home overhaul by Beth Conant-Keim, the owner of interior design firm Lucy and Company. The goal between designer and client was to create a vacation getaway that would provide a far more open floor plan with large, oversized windows to take advantage of the nature awaiting outside.

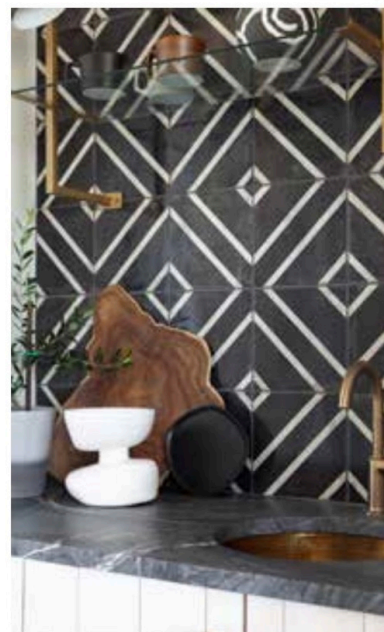
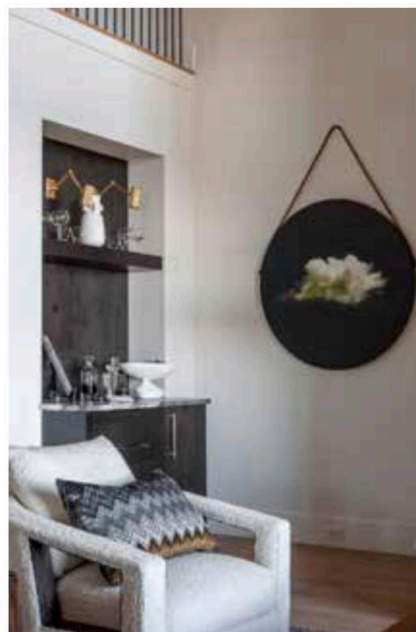
The home clocks in at 4,500 square feet with four bedrooms, a bunk room, five bathrooms, two large living spaces and a pool room. This property, located on the top of the mountain overlooking the valley and Lake Toxaway, already had a stunning view, so it was the design team's primary goal to showcase that: They pushed out the upstairs porch to allow for an all-around view and to more seamlessly integrate the indoors and outdoors. The former doors and windows were all replaced in the main living space with much larger ones.

The resulting look after months of work is a classic yet updated, modern take on mountain chic. Beth maintained a good mix of old and new, dark and light and kept the home both relaxed and comfortable. She also achieved a brighter, cleaner aesthetic in part by the main paint color throughout, Sherwin-Williams Alabaster White.

"It was such a joy working with this client," Beth shared. "They really trusted my style choices and let me run with the vision. I was so happy to help create a little bit of heaven for this amazing family."

Another design decision was to relocate the interior stairwell, which once blocked the lake view. Now, the home boasts a side "spiral" stairwell custom made by Charlotte-based wood/metal fabricator 2dash1.

The original rock fireplace reaching to the vaulted ceiling was preserved, and the vaulted ceiling, which was once all wood, was repainted white. The beams were re-stained to a darker





walnut color to move away from the red stain previously in the house. The kitchen was pushed out for more space and for another room that could incorporate larger windows, as well. The new modern mountain design pays homage to its old self while layering in lighter colors and plenty of textures and unique pieces.

Outside, Beth knew she wanted to change the outdoor color to a dark one, and used the rich tone of Benjamin Moore Iron Mountain to blend in with the surroundings. The new back porch ceiling was stained a deep, dark brown, as well.

The spiral stairs and banisters are 2dash1. Jacob Wolfe, also of Charlotte, did all the new cabinets, while Ferguson supplied all the appliances. Detroit Wallpaper and Phillip Jeffries sourced the wallpaper. Ashley Mullis installed the wallpaper. The new furniture was mainly acquired through Sherrill Furniture—Beth shares that the homeowner works for the company. The design team mixed in several locally “found” pieces from Nave in Charlotte and Texture and Schwung in High Point. The art was sourced through artists Ron Royals and Gina Cochran.

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