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Looking for modern lighting, cozy accessories, or luxe linens? Here are the city's best shops for all your home needs

KIDS FURNITURE & ACCESSORIES

At **lucy & company**, the Dilworth studio named for her ten-year-old daughter, owner/designer Beth Keim has stocked her showroom with brightly colored bed linens, headboards, lamp bases awash in the colors of the rainbow, rugs in cool geometric shapes and patterns. Plus, Keim will custom design furniture—headboards, sofas, and more—for your tot's bedroom. The studio's happy colors are the result of paint finishes as much as furnishings—husband Keith transforms walls and furniture with stripes, patterns, and clever designs.

1009 East Blvd., 704-342-6655

FABRIC STORE

From airy Thibaut prints of birdcages and parrots to decadent Beacon Hill brocades, **Front Door Fabrics** has what a material girl needs. The owners should know—Karen Dixon, Sandy Fulginiti, and Karen Wagener banded together in 2007 to launch the Matthews store, stocking it with trims, fabrics, pillows, and furniture to create a design destination. They provide monogramming, run an off-site workroom, showcase guest artists, maintain a blog, and promote charities like Sisters in Service.

9517 Monroe Rd., Ste. D, 704-844-6330

FURNITURE

Velvet wing chairs get dressed down with nail head trim and box pleats at **Brock Moran Home**, making luxury an everyday affair. Top furniture lines, including Baker, Habersham, and North Carolina's

Hancock & Moore, mix and mingle among glass lamps, vases made of horn, and white ceramic tableware. You can order a French daybed from Oly or a chaise designed by Alexa Hampton. Budget conscious? Look for pieces by Lee Industries.

14835 Ballantyne Village Way, Ste. 120, 704-341-6264

TRADITIONAL HOME STORE

Still looking for that antique pine hutch? A little bamboo shelf to hang by the back door? Lynn Hodges's bountiful store, **Bucketts**, will induce you to complete your project. Shelves overflow with country chic accessories like wobbly pottery in rustic colors by Georgia's Rebecca Wood, while simple green lamps of blown glass sparkle in front of mirrors. Don't miss the cotton tea towels by Napa artist Julia Junkin. Webcam shopping allows you to order from the kitchen table, wine glass in hand. Call for the password.

2015 Ayrsley Town Blvd., Ste. 107A, 704-499-9010

LIGHTING

It may feel like you've arrived on moving day because of the clutter and stacks of cardboard boxes, but relax: Bob Drake's Dilworth store, **Metro**, is in a perpetual state of arranging. Amid furniture and bold pillows are pendants that look like molten paperweights and stunning chandeliers. The polished wooden blades on overhead fans resemble custom furniture; wall sconces bear mosaic shields. Ferruccio Laviani's clear plastic lamp, in the shape of a

baroque altar candle and topped with a see-through plissé shade, is divine.

911 E. Morehead St., 704-375-4563

BED & BATH LINENS

Unlike most linen stores, **Bedside Manor** remembers the men. For example, right by the pretty nightgowns are cotton bags of Royal Highnies (two pairs of boxers for \$72) designed like a house, "with full seating and a sturdy front entrance so that no one slips out unexpectedly." You can wander across the ballroom-glossy floors to look at sheets from Paris, plantation beds, monogrammed towels, and mirrored chests. Our take-homes? A copy of *Cartier I Love You* and pillowcases of silk (Branché, \$68 each). Though French in name, they're made by a girl from Missouri.

Phillips Place, 6822-E Phillips Place Ct., Ste. E, 704-554-7727

ANTIQUES

Circa Interiors & Antiques has everything you need to give your home a dose of Old World charm. Twice a year, owner Cindy Smith—who opened Circa in conjunction with her interior design business thirty years ago—travels to Europe in search of eighteenth-, nineteenth-, and twentieth-century French and English antiques to fill her quaint Crescent Avenue shop. It's Smith's discerning eye for detail coupled with her sophisticated style that enable her to unearth amazing finds such as an ornate Louis XV wall barometer or a circa late-1700s upholstered Italian settee.

2321 Crescent Ave., 704-332-1668