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# The it List

## CHARLOTTE'S MOST STYLISH WOMEN RIGHT NOW

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### BARRIE BENSON

One of the region's top interior designers, Barrie Benson, 46, and her work have been featured in national publications such as *Domino*, *Elle Décor*, and *House Beautiful*. And like her design, Benson's sartorial selections have a fresh yet enduring appeal.

"Just as a home should reflect the people who live in it, style should be authentic, reflective of one's personality and taste," says Benson.



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: CHRIS EDWARDS; COURTESY OF DIMPLE AJMERA; DANIEL COSTON



### DIMPLE AJMERA

Dimple Ajmera, 30, became the first Asian-American to serve on Charlotte City Council when, in January, she was appointed to finish the term of Democrat John Autry of District 5. A certified public accountant with TIAA, Ajmera (a fan of Kate Middleton's elegant style) says she searches for pieces that can transition from daytime meetings to evening campaign events. "I like my style to reflect my personality, pieces that will make me appear approachable and friendly while also having structure and function," she says. A native of India, Ajmera immigrated with her family to the U.S. when she was 16 and spoke no English.

### LIZ FAISON

With Liz Faison's confident edge and cool fashion prowess, it should come as no surprise that her style icons include models Kate Moss, Alexa Chung and Carine Roitfeld—all of whom she says "exude effortless chic." These days, Faison, 45, is less interested in dressing her age and more interested in expressing her interests in art, music, film and travel through her fashion choices. "The Bechtler Museum of Modern Art's Gala is my favorite annual event for celebrating individual style," she says.

