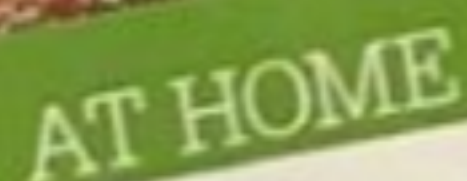


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Designing Woman

Black-Owned Furniture Line Makes Its Debut

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Nothing picks a sense of comfort quite like being at home. So when Cheryl Luckett of Dwell by Cheryl Interiors began designing her first furniture line, called Belle by Cheryl Luckett, she knew she wanted it not only to reflect the warmth and familiarity of home, but also her Gulfport, Mississippi roots, to create pieces that reflect the Southern lifestyle.



The 10 features listed
back, all from the
1990s and 1980s
and 1970s.

media—a platform she has used to build her business and establish brand awareness—and later partnered with the factory-based company to produce an opulent dinner table, two baroque and two settees.

"Sylvester Alexander was looking to create a licensed product line with a designer, and approached me about the opportunity," she explains. "The problem was he had no manufacturing experience, but it's been his dream to see the inner workings of manufacturing a product from concept to reality."

Alexander sought out Cheryl Luckett, president of the design firm, and founder

"I've been a student at the University of North Carolina since I was getting to see the inner workings of the school," says Alexander. "I'm excited to bring that concept to reality."

Alexander sought out Cheryl Luckett because of her prominent presence in the design community," says Mitch Pearson, the owner and founder of Sylvestor Alexander. "We have enjoyed collaborating with Cheryl, and are excited to have presented the Belle City College town at High Point Market in Fall 2018."

For Luckett, who founded her design firm in 2012 after 15 years in corporate America, interior design isn't just her passion, it's her purpose. It has always been of interest to her, even from her college years, when her room was used to host prospective students through-
out the State University.

"It wasn't until much later that I realized that it was my not only my passion, but my country. My perspective on design is a very personal one," she says. "I love creating spaces that are a bit sophisticated but still very approachable, easy and usable. I'm also a big fan of color and pattern, and my projects are often laced with both."



the Magnolia features tufted back and pleated skirt.

Casual and classic, versatile and vibrant, each of the five pieces in the collection tells the story of the designer's journey. For instance, the French-inspired piece carries a name (The by) that points to her membership in Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., the personable (named The Park) references the name of the

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