

Textiles

ECHOVIEW FIBER MILL,

WEAVERVILLE This mini-mill makes home goods with simple, modern designs, using natural fibers like wool, alpaca, and cotton. Their soft merino wool throws (right) add color and comfort to any room. (855) 693-4237, echoviewnc.com.

CROSSNORE WEAVERS,

CROSSNORE Continuing a tradition that goes back nearly 100 years at Crossnore School, weavers produce colorful rugs, like the one below, on wooden looms, and proceeds go directly back to the school. (828) 733-4660, crossnore.org.





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2 Nature

COASTAL SUCCULENTS,

WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH It was the idea of bringing the desert beauty of succulents to North Carolina's coast that led two UNC Wilmington alums to open a design studio specializing in "succulent interiorscapes." Their modern terrariums and potted arrangements, which incorporate coastal elements like driftwood and sand, bring a hint of nature into your home — with minimal upkeep. coastalsucculent.com.







3 Scent

WHISPERING WILLOW SOAPS, LINCOLNTON These gentle soaps made with natural ingredients like honey and oatmeal (above), lavender, and lemongrass, are perfect for sensitive skin. (828) 455-0322, whisperingwillow.net.

SOUTHERN ELEGANCE CANDLE COMPANY, RAEFORD Soy wax candles with scents like honeysuckle jasmine (right), sweet tea, and Carolina pine capture the smell of the South, and make a house feel like a home. (910) 248-3177, secandleco.com.



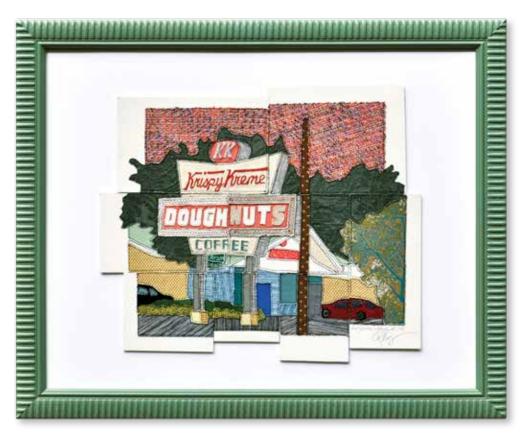




5 Art

CAITLIN CARY NEEDLEPRINTS,

RALEIGH Singer, songwriter, and violinist Caitlin Cary has already earned acclaim as a musician, but now she's getting buzz for her visual art, too. Her fabric collages, or "needleprints," are detailed conversation pieces depicting some of the Triangle's most famous landmarks, from the former Tabernacle Baptist Church (left) to Krispy Kreme (below). caitlincary.com.



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