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Hansen Architects
Providing quality architectural design services for stylish area residents since 1945, this award-winning firm designed the new Levy Jewelers store at Bull and Broughton streets and the latest renovations to historic Drayton Tower.

24 Dayton St., 234-8056,
www.hansensavannah.com
RUNNER-UP: Greenline Architects, 28 E. 35th St., 447-6665, www.greenlinearch.com
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2603 Whitaker St., 232-4102,
www.pinchofthepast.com
RUNNER-UP: Southern Pine, 616 E. 35th St., 236-4123,
www.southernpinecompany.com

Best Bath Supply Company
Ferguson Bath, Kitchen & Lighting Gallery
From faucets to fixtures, show-room manager Allison Wilson offers homeowners an array of options to create the ultimate bath.

1272 Chatham Parkway, 234-2211,
www.ferguson.com

Best Bath Design Company
Coastal Bath and Kitchen
This perennial winner designs elegant spa-like sanctuaries, allowing our readers to experience tranquility in the comfort of their own homes.

133 Southern Blvd., 238-3400,
www.coastalbath.com
RUNNER-UP: Savannah Kitchen and Bath, 925 E. 37th St., 236-9299,
www.savannahkitchenandbath.com

Best Brick Company
Jenkins Brick
With an extensive inventory ranging from traditional exterior brick to decorative pavers, this local favorite stocks a variety of options, colors and finishes to make any home stand out.

506 Bourne Ave., Golden Isles Cty., 963-7123,
www.jenkinsbrick.com
RUNNER-UP: Daniel Brick, 4919 Ogeechee Rd., 232-1551,
www.danielbrick.com

Best Cabinet Maker
Peacock Cabinetry
This Bluffton-based studio, led by Hunter and Terry Peacock, crafts stylish custom cabinetry solutions to put everything exactly where you want it.

26 Buckingham Plantation Drw, Bluffton, S.C., 843-815-2020,
www.peacockcabinetry.com

Best Carpet/Rug Company and Best Carpet Cleaning Service
Culver Rug Co.
This repeat winner boasts a wide selection of high-quality carpet and eye-catching area rugs. Plus, keeping carpets free of pet stains, wine spills and other unfortunate accidents is a specialty here.

408 Bonaventure Road, 236-7773,
RUNNER-UP: Best Carpet/Rug Company: Poppell Brothers Interiors, 9133 White Bluff Road, 925-3638,
www.poppellbrothers.com

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Hubbard’s Maid Service This popular cleaning service keeps a card detailing each client’s special requests, ensuring that homeowners can spend less time sweating the small stuff. 42 Coffee Pointe Drive, 961-9131, www.hubbardsmaidservice.com

RUNNER-UP: Merry Maids Cleaning, 1200 Sharamon Ave., 472-0211, www.merrymaids.com

BEST CLOSET COMPANY
The Closet Specialist Since 1984, this repeat winner has designed dazzling custom closets throughout coastal Georgia and the South Carolina Lowcountry, keeping our lives organized and putting clothes, shoes, accessories and more within easy reach. 7601 Waters Ave., 691-2626, www.closetspecialist.com

RUNNER-UP (TIE): Interior Solutions, 164 Wolverine Drive, Bloomingdale, 661-3716 & One-Stop Remodeling, 8603 Airewood St., 925-7867, www.one-stopremodeling.net

BEST CONCRETE COMPANY
Elite Concrete This award-winning company provides high-quality concrete for residential and commercial projects, laying a solid foundation for any building plan. 401 Tallar Road, Ste. B., 447-0447, RUNNER-UP: Mahany Construction, 3618 Dean Forest Road, 966-5230

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Coastal Bath and Kitchen This perennial winner’s design showroom sparks with chic countertop surfaces ranging from granite to quartz. 133 Southern Blvd, 238-3400, www.coastalbath.com & Multistone Enterprises This family-owned and operated company specializes in high-quality countertops crafted from granite, marble, limestone, soapstone, onyx and engineered stone. 1022 Ives Ave., 231-8401, www.multistonesav.com

RUNNER-UP: Calista Stone Cultures, 101 Chatham Parkway, 234-3877

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BEST DOOR RETAILER
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486 Edbel Drive, Richmond Hill, 756-5840, www.cshurd.net
RUNNER-UP: Braddy Electric, 7004 E. 35th St, 233-3580, www.braddyelectric.com

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10010 Abercorn St., 921-0032, www.hancockfabrics.com
RUNNER-UP: Page Fence, 2321 Central Ave., Guyton, 772-3683, www.permeters.biz

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408 Bonaventure Rd, 236-7713; 708 Mall Blvd., 354-6232; and 10 Target Rd, Hilton Head Island, S.C., 843-785-7186, www.culvergus.com
RUNNER-UP: Popell Brothers Interiors, 9153 White Bluff Road, 925-3638, www.popellbrothers.com

BEST FURNITURE STORE
24e Design Co.
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24 E. Broughton St, 233-2274, www.24estyle.com
RUNNER-UP: Whelan’s Home Furnishings, 2430 White Bluff Road, 925-5604, www.whelanshome.com

BEST GARAGE DOOR COMPANY
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This reader favorite maintains an extensive inventory of insulated steel, wood, fiberglass and aluminum garage doors designed to withstand heavy use.

129 Airport Park Drive, 964-8459, www.overheaddoor.com
RUNNER-UP: Systems Garage, 3 Chipewa Ave, 927-9517

BEST GENERAL CONTRACTOR
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From remodeling jobs to custom homes, this celebrated family-owned company continues a tradition of expert craftsmanship, garnering devoted clients throughout coastal Georgia and the Lowcountry.

2250 E. Victory Drive, 356-5611, www.jttconst.com
RUNNER-UP: One-Step Remodeling, 8603 Abercorn St, 925-7867, www.one-stepremodeling.net

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Stocking everything from hammers and house paint to energy-efficient light bulbs and lawn mowers, Ace is still a go-to for local homeowners looking to keep their little pieces of heaven in tip-top shape. 318 Johnny Mercer Blvd., Wilmington Island, 897-1288; and 2415 U.S. 17 S., Richmond Hill, 756-3424, www.acehardware.com
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