

Fine Finishes



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The forge's artisans primarily use new iron but also can incorporate reclaimed material, such as the pieces of a demolished cable bridge it transformed into a large art piece for one client. The company also collaborates with other artisans on projects that combine iron with other materials, such as glass and wood; it also works in alternative metals, such as brass. A variety of interior and exterior finishes are available. Ole Charleston Forge, 843.723.3816.

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Custom Connoisseur

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