

Local Spotlight with Danielle: Armitage Interiors Combining Trust, Craftsmanship, and Design

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Meet Cody and Emeline of Armitage Interiors, based in Blooming Glen. Both born and raised in Bucks County, they share a deep appreciation for the landscape, the people, and the creative community that surrounds them.

Emeline grew up in Lumberville, the charming riverside town along River Road where the Black Bass Hotel sits. She was no stranger to craftsmanship — her family owned and operated Tinsman Brothers Lumber, the oldest continuously running

lumberyard in the United States. Her mother built a legacy with her jewelry business, Sherry Tinsman Metalsmith, a name well known in the region.

After earning her Interior Design degree from Philadelphia University, Emeline built a career spanning design and operations roles in Frenchtown, at The Black Bass, and in Philadelphia with Michele Plachter Design. She brings both artistic vision and practical craft to her work.

Cody, although born in New Hope, was raised in Trenton, New Jersey, before relocating back to Solebury in high school. Always a creative at heart, he followed a winding path — exploring jobs that allowed for freedom and expression. He eventually found his niche in building custom cabinetry and furniture, ultimately honing his skills under the masters at Nakashima Furniture, the world-renowned woodworking studio rooted in Japanese design principles. His talent for customization and form was a natural fit.

Although they both graduated from New Hope-Solebury High School, four years apart, Cody and Emeline didn't meet until 2013. Their first date happened at Rojo's Roastery in Lambertville, New Jersey. Between the smell of fresh coffee and the buzz of the café, their conversation wandered through shared passions — for wood grain and hand tools, for form and function — and the dreams that would one day bring them together in work and in life. In 2016, they married, and in 2018, they welcomed their son, Oscar.

Parenthood shifted their priorities, and with it, the

logistics of their work lives. Emeline began helping her mother build an online presence for her jewelry business, while Cody continued woodworking at Nakashima. By 2019, they both knew it was time to create something of their own.

That year, Armitage Interiors was born. Emeline and Cody worked hard in that first year, completing small jobs and light remodels throughout New Jersey and Southeast Pennsylvania. As the scope of their work grew, they realized they needed help. They hired their first employee, Jeremy, who remains an essential part of the team to this day. Initially, Cody and Jeremy focused on kitchen and bathroom remodels, while Emeline handled the design work behind the scenes. Fast forward to 2025 — the team has grown to eight employees, plus Cody and Emeline, and a portfolio of clients who trust them for their thoughtful, personal approach.

When asked what they love most, Emeline says, “All of our clients are so different. We take time to really get to know them. What do they need for their space? Do they have pets or kids? Form follows function — we listen, and then we create something tailored to their lives.”

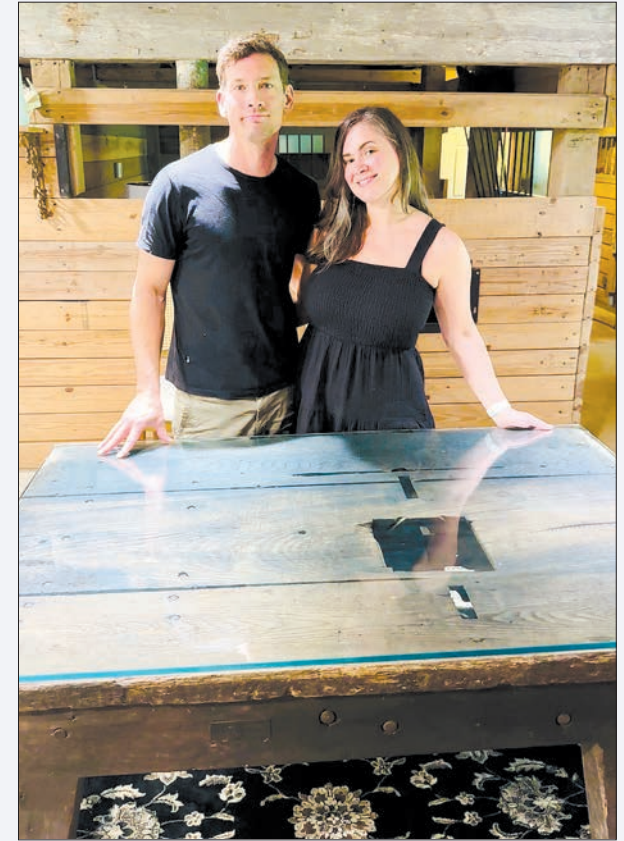
Cody adds, “We're building a company where people can work with dignity and be supported in their craft. That matters. It's important that our carpenters feel good and have the freedom to do their best work — not just clock in for a paycheck.”

That top-down philosophy has shaped the company from the beginning. Cody and Emeline are committed to work-life balance — no weekend work, and the workday wraps by 5 p.m. during the week. Their approach is holistic, transparent, and flexible. “On time and on budget” isn't just a goal — it's a standard they hold themselves to.

What It Looks Like to Work with Armitage Interiors

- Initial Contact: Reach out via phone or email.
- Design Consultation: Emeline schedules a one-time in-home consultation (approx. 2 hours) to discuss your lifestyle, needs, and goals. A rough budget is established.
- Design Agreement: If moving forward, a design agreement is drafted and reviewed.
- Project Kickoff: A 7% project fee is collected to begin the design process.
- 3D Scanning: The team visits the property and captures the space using a Matterport scanner, producing a detailed 3D rendering for design reference.
- Material Selection & Planning: Clients choose materials from a curated design presentation, and project planning begins.

Cody and Emeline of Armitage Interiors



Every Friday, a “weekend update” is emailed to clients — outlining what was completed and what's scheduled for the week ahead. This steady cadence helps keep communication clear and expectations aligned. “We're high-service, high-touch, and always available for our clients and our carpenters,” Cody says with a smile.

This duo isn't just building beautiful spaces — they're building trust. The respect they have for one another, for their employees, and for their clients is woven into every project.

“We're stepping into people's homes,” Emeline says. “It's personal. There has to be a deep level of trust. That's why we only hire people we trust, and we take on clients who trust us in return — to create spaces that reflect the true character of their lives.”

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