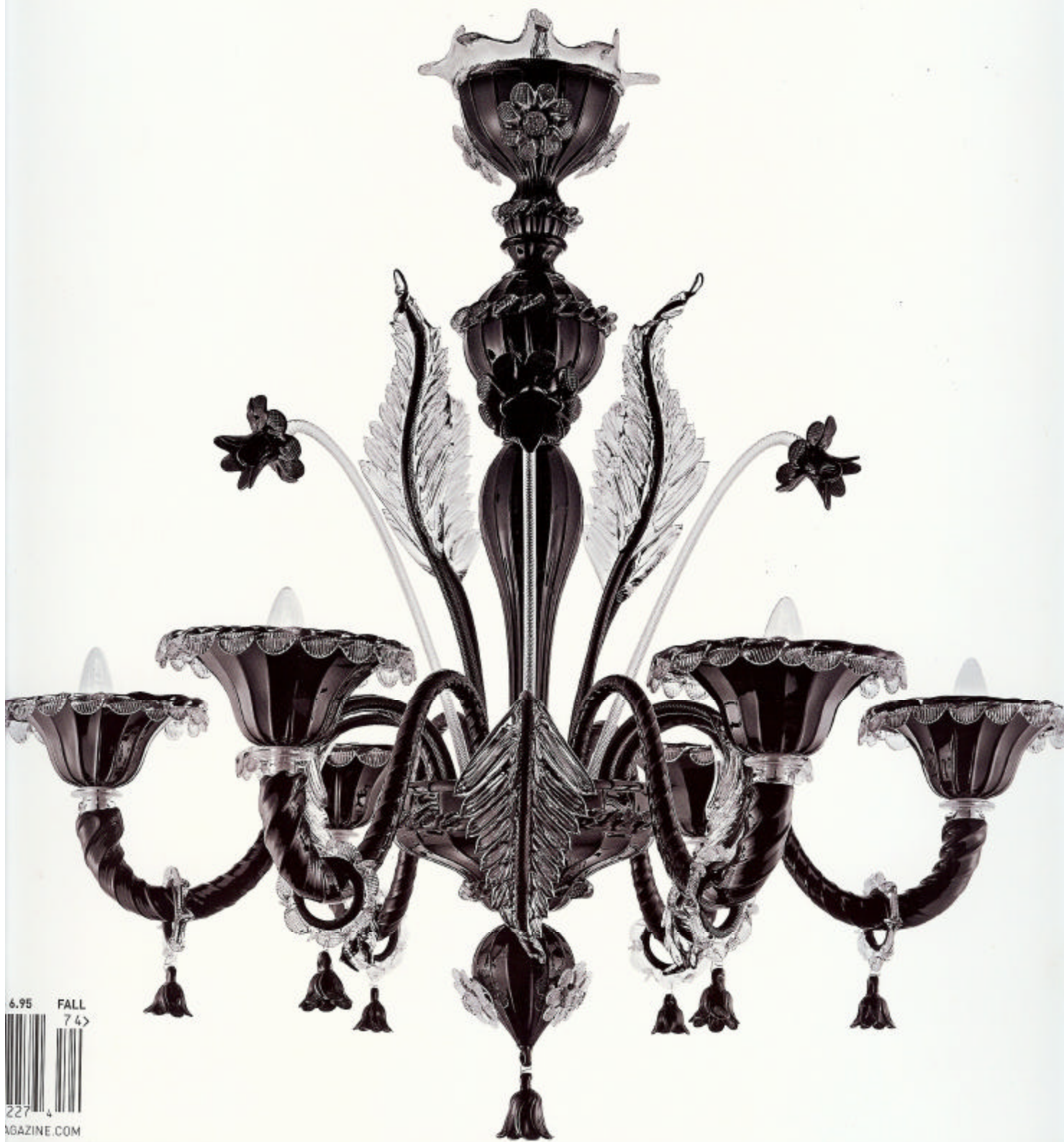


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**What is your current green obsession?**

I want the world to know that green design isn't just for radical, tree-hugging hippies or the elite. It's become more accepted as a viable means of minimizing energy usage and doesn't need to compromise aesthetic quality.

Favorite materials?

I enjoy working with SIPs (structural insulated panels), which are proven to be more efficient. SIPs work by creating a tight envelope around the house and give superior insulation.

**What is your overall design philosophy?**

With each project I work on, I make it affordable, green and energy-efficient. I do this by communicating with the homeowner to get a sense of his/her expectations. Little efforts can yield such effective results in helping conserve energy.

What inspires you?

The effect just a single person can have on helping save the environment. I realize that by helping a homeowner become more sustainably aware, I am helping preserve our planet in the process, which, to me, means I have succeeded in my goal.

What challenges you?

I find that the Texas climate can be challenging when making a home more sustainable. It is very dry and can get extremely hot, which forces us to be deliberate in our window positioning. This isn't difficult, but it does require attention to detail.

What defines your style?

We serve such a wide array of clients that the style of the homes will vary greatly, but one thing will remain certain: They will all be energy efficient and sustainable.



DON FERRIER

FERRIER CUSTOM HOMES

Set out to prove that sustainable living isn't an unrealistic concept, but more of a 21st-century ideal all homeowners can and should adopt, Don Ferrier, owner of Ferrier Custom Homes, built a green home for his daughter, Heather. "I wanted to show the world that green design is not impractical for today's modern homeowner," says the third-generation construction veteran. Using aesthetic bamboo for flooring, which regenerates quickly and thus doesn't deplete natural resources, combined with regionally harvested White Ash trees, rather than endangered wood species, in addition to recycled, durable metal roofing and corn stalks for carpeting, among other sustainable design elements, Ferrier created a near-zero energy home. "The goal was to create a contemporary model home that would showcase the benefits and ease of sustainable living. If we can convince just one person to adopt similar practices, then we have succeeded in our mission: reducing the imprint we, as humans, leave on the earth."



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