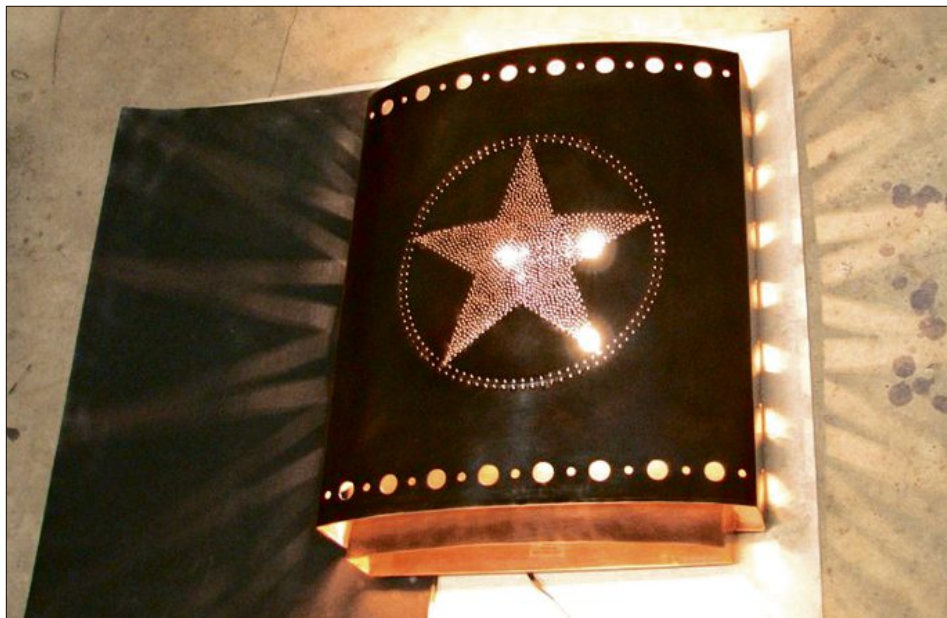


ILLUMINATION

with an elegant edge



The “Texas Tuscan” motif is easy to accentuate with custom lighting fixtures made from copper. COURTESY OF TEXAS LIGHTSMITH

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SPECIAL TO STATESMAN HOMES

Many homeowners are forever looking for a special home accent that will give their home an added dash of elegance and uniqueness.

Custom light fixtures can do a lot without being imposing. A small piece of art can be noticed in any room, but a piece of art with light emanating from it will always be noticed.

“We refer to this kind of lighting as ‘jewelry for the home,’” said John Worsham of Texas Lightsmith at 3410 Andtree Blvd. in Austin. “We give a lot of consideration to our fixtures in terms of how they’re going to look in the day as well as how they look at night when they’re lit up. They kind of have two lives, because at night they’re silhouetted, so you don’t really notice what the materials are. In the day the materials can really be significant.”

The materials Worsham works with lend themselves well to a rustic décor, which he said he sees a lot of demand for in Austin.

“That whole ‘Texas Tuscan’ movement that’s been going on for so long, I think a lot of people like to pull the



An elegant housing for otherwise simple lighting accents will always get noticed.

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more traditional or even ‘medieval-es-que’ fixtures into those homes a lot,” he said.

With custom options ranging from sconces to luminaries to full-blown chandeliers, the options are endless for making lighting fixtures one of the bright spots in home design.