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Rachel Crowl & Julie Fisher

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Architects Rachel Crowl, 39, and Julie Fisher, 41, met while working at Jordan Mozer's Chicago studio 11 years ago; the two women established their own practice, fcStudio, in 1999. Since then, the pair has designed Chicago-area eateries (including the celebrated Bluebird), renovated historic houses and built contemporary homes. The architects just finished a residence in Chicago's Wicker Park neighborhood that embraces many sustainable elements, including a green roof planted with prairie grasses to insulate the interior. The roof also attracts bees, to combat the current bee crisis. Underpinning all their work is a keen sense of reality: "We want to create spaces that people can live and work in comfortably and that look good. But we want them to be practical too," says Fisher.

Far left: In the bathroom of a Chicago apartment, a vessel sink echoes the curves of Tom Dixon's *Mirror Ball* pendant. Above: The solarium of a renovated townhouse mixes colorful Moroccan floor tiles with Chinese antiques and an upholstered lounge chair.