

Frosted Orbs and Sparkling Bubbles

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Simone Crestani, a 28-year-old Italian glass designer, has been putting his own contemporary spin on Venetian glass with lifelike objects inspired by nature, including delicate trees and skeletal fish. But for his new limited-edition chandeliers, on view at Bernd Goeckler Antiques in Greenwich Village, he went a little more abstract. His Net chandelier (\$29,000), which encloses frosted orbs in a wavy grid of glass, is inspired “by a cloud with spots of light inside, like sunlight passing through,” Mr. Crestani said, adding that the piece took about three weeks to make.

As for the Bubble chandelier (\$27,500), right, it’s reminiscent of “a bottle of sparkling water, when you see all the bubbles attaching to each other,” Mr. Crestani said. And after all that time working with hot glass, who could blame him for thinking about a cold drink?

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