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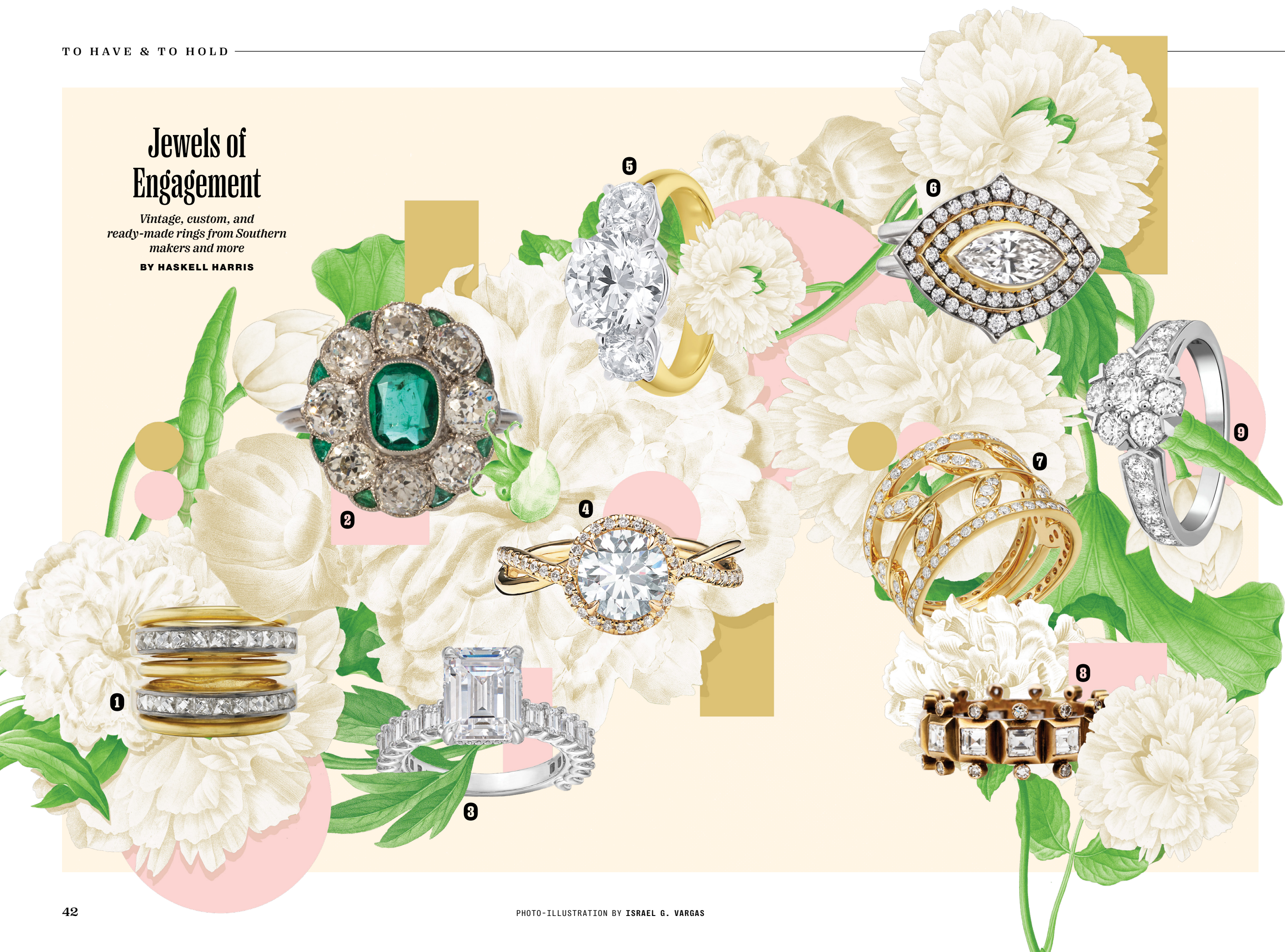
RINGS Engaging choices as singular as the bride-to-be, such as this Monica Rich Kosann knockout



Jewels of Engagement

Vintage, custom, and ready-made rings from Southern makers and more

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1—STACK IN FAVOR
The trend of collecting and stacking rings over time hits fast-forward with this spiral **Sylva & Cie** design, featuring alternating gold and French-cut-diamond bands (\$28,000; tinygods.com).

2—GREEN LIGHT
Go big and bold with a vintage stunner from Charleston, South Carolina's **Croghan's Jewel Box**, such as this art deco-era platinum ring with old-mine-cut diamonds and emeralds (\$1,275–\$56,700 for emerald rings and bands; croghansjewelbox.com).

3—REPEAT CHAMP
While the ring catches the eye as is, Charlotte-based **Diamonds Direct** lets clients customize its three-quarter engagement band studded with emerald-cut diamonds with alternate metals and stone shapes (from \$12,220 for setting; diamondsdirect.com).

4—FOREVER TWINE
A pavé-diamond eternity band intertwines with gold like the lives of the betrothed in **David Yurman's** round brilliant-cut halo design (price upon request; davidyurman.com).

5—TRINITY STONES
The three diamonds in this customizable, fourteen-karat yellow-gold setting by the Nashville jewelry atelier **Consider the Widflwrs** symbolize past, present, and future (\$3,270–\$6,980 for setting and side stones; ctwf.com).

6—EYE FOR STYLE
Make a statement with **Sylva & Cie's** unconventional setting, showcasing a marquise diamond encased in round brilliant-cut diamonds nestled in yellow and white gold (\$35,375; tinygods.com).

7—DIVINE VINES
The Virginia-born **Temple St. Clair** dreamed up this botanical beauty, wrapped with diamond-dotted vines and leaves set in eighteen-karat gold (\$8,500; templestclair.com).

8—FIT FOR A QUEEN
The jewelry designers at **Bell and Bird** referenced eighteenth-century motifs as well as Victorian-era hobnail details when crafting the Texas company's royal-worthy eternity band with carré-cut diamonds (\$14,500; bellandbird.com).

9—LUCKY SEVENS
A spectacular bloom emerges courtesy of the seven diamonds **Van Cleef & Arpels** centers in this striking eighteen-karat white-gold sparkler (\$15,100; vancleefarpels.com).

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NEW DIRECTIONS
An eighteen-karat-gold compass shape bedecked in round, baguette, and pear white diamonds imbues **Monica Rich Kosann's** Points North ring with the essence of age-old romance (\$9,685; monicarichkosann.com). **6**