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Interior designer and entertaining expert ATHENA CALDERONE revels in the glory of her ultra-luxe master bath

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Choosing a favorite room in this Cobble Hill, Brooklyn, town house, gut-renovated and redesigned to Athena Calderone's exacting standards, might seem like an exercise in futility. But for the interior designer and founder of lifestyle site EyeSwoon, the choice was easy: The master bathroom wins, hands down. "It's rare to have a freestanding bathtub and a fireplace in a bathroom, and I wanted to amplify the romanticism of the space. When I started, I was really drawn to these slabs of pink marble and wanted to use them for the shower," Calderone says. An entirely marble shower seemed out of reach, but by chance this stone was within her budget. Still, she had to get her husband, music producer and DJ Victor Calderone, on board. "I didn't know if he would go for it," she says. "I remember saying, 'Are you man enough for a pink shower?'" He was, and that decision informed the rest of the room's design, which includes an art deco Murano glass chandelier from the '30s that "mimics the femininity of the shower." Tougher elements like black-framed windows and mirrors help strike a balance. This idea of contrast, on full display in her new book, *Live Beautiful*, is a signature of Calderone's design work. The rest of her home can be seen on her Instagram feed, where a picture of her shower was her most liked photo for months. "It feels good to have your design instincts validated like that. I'm just so proud of this room."

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Catherine Reining small floral smudge stick, $18; totoakelo.com.

The Jennifer Fisher Collection by CB2 lamp, $399; cb2.com.

Milk Makeup Mini Lip + Cheek, $15; sephora.com.

Dinosaur Designs bowl (made of sustainable resin), $75; dinosaurdesigns.com.

Celerie Kemble for Arteriors sconce, $560; arteriorshome.com.

Parachute robe (Oeko-Tex-certified free of harmful chemicals), $99; parachutehome.com.

Bimu Bimu soap dish, $75; theprimaryessentials.com.

Menu marble plinth, $1,550; menudesignshop.com.


Aerin x Frances Palmer vase, $300; aerin.com.

Simone Bodmer-Turner vessel (handmade locally), $425; simonebodmerturner.com.

Menu marble plinth, $1,550; menudesignshop.com.

Serena & Lily rug, $798; serenaandlily.com.

Crate & Barrel candle, $58; crateandbarrel.com.

Live Beautiful by Athena Calderone, Abrams, $40; eyeswoon.com.