



HOME STYLE
Athena Calderone in her Brooklyn kitchen. Right: The stoneware table and scone Calderone created with ceramist Simone Bodmer-Turner.

STUDY IN DESIGN

DOMESTIC BLISS

Athena Calderone, creator of the design and food site EyeSwoon, debuts her latest book.

MY CREATIVE expression really began within the home," says Brooklyn-based chef and designer Athena Calderone. "When I was 26, I had [my son] Jivan, and I hadn't figured out my career, so my home really became a place of invention for me." In 2011, Calderone parlayed all the cooking, decorating and entertaining expertise she'd honed as a stay-at-home mom into EyeSwoon, a food and design website that's amassed hundreds of thousands of devotees. This March, Calderone, now 45, is publishing *Live Beautiful* (Abrams), in which she catalogs and dissects the homes of design-world notables, including interior designer Pamela Shamshiri, former J.Crew creative director Jenna Lyons, and Roman and Williams founders Robin Standefer and Stephen Alesch. "[Readers] can walk away feeling a little bit empowered to create a beautiful environment in their own homes," says Calderone. The book is just one of Calderone's many new projects for 2020. She's also collaborated with New York ceramist Simone Bodmer-Turner

to create a stoneware wall sconce and table (\$1,650-\$8,000; athenacalderone.com). And she's launched a podcast, *More Than One Thing*, in which she speaks to fellow polymaths, like interior designers and TV personalities Nate Berkus and Jeremiah Brent, about the challenges of not "fitting into a box." Calderone's goal is amplifying others who don't have just one vocation. "That's kind of the way of the world these days," she says, "and I want to make that OK for people." eyeswoon.com
—Christine Whitney



BEYOND THE PAIL

Shapely, cylindrical bucket bags are a structured alternative to the classic tote.

From far left: Gucci; Sportmax; Coach; Celine by Hedi Slimane; Prada; Miu Miu. For details see Sources, page 168.