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# KITCHEN + BATH EN PLEIN AIR

THESE INSPIRING KITCHEN AND BATH SPACES PROVE  
THAT ALFRESCO LIVING IS ALL ABOUT HIGH DESIGN.

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In and around her Ardenia, New York, pool house, designer Ariella Duker effortlessly mixed Moroccan, French and Swedish antiques to create an entertaining space that feels both cool and casual. The landscaping was designed by Louis Fusco Landscape Architects.







## SITTING PRETTY

When designer Ariella Duker of A-List Interiors bought 10 1/2 acres in New York's picturesque Hudson Valley, she didn't imagine that months of building delays on the property's main home would mean designing the pool house first. "The estate is beautiful in the summer months," Duker notes, so the pool area quickly became the focus. While originally the design of this space had been simpler and more seasonal, the structure is now built for year-round use and features a sophisticated scheme with an elegant kitchen for entertaining as well as a boho bath that adds to the eclectic feel. [alistinteriors.com](http://alistinteriors.com)

**We love the global influence.** The design and decoration certainly have a European flair: from the boxwoods and espalier trees framing the outside of the stucco structure to the antiques inside I've amassed over time. I like to think of this as country French in upstate New York. Even the bathroom feels international! I wanted the pool house to be both grand and casual at once.

**The bathroom is such a jewel box. Where did you begin with this space?**

I fell in love with a salvaged door from a Moroccan riad and knew it would work perfectly for the bathroom entrance. From there, it was about mixing this distressed piece with a more high-style mosaic tile on the floors. While this room is small, it covers everything you need and encourages people to not go traipsing through the main house in wet bathing suits.

**How did you approach the kitchen?** My hope was that it would feel less like a traditional kitchen and more like an entertaining space. Handcrafted English cabinetry with antique brass mesh reaches the 10-foot ceilings and it's so nice to be able to keep seasonal items here. The dishwasher was also very important as it makes entertaining easy and, luckily, I have enough space to store an extra set of glasses and dishes. The kitchen really makes hanging around and lounging by the pool that much more relaxing!

**Clockwise from top left:** A corner bench from the Brimfield Antique Show sits under an architectural triptych. The small but mighty kitchen holds a Fisher & Paykel dishwasher, Monogram ice maker and Shaws Original sink by Rohl. Walker Zanger tile decorates the floor of the bathroom.



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