

# At Home in TUSCANY

Peek inside Debi Mazar and Gabriele Corcos' rustic Italian kitchen.

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Actress Debi Mazar and her husband, Gabriele Corcos, who cohost Cooking Channel's *Extra Virgin*, spend most of the year in Brooklyn with their daughters, Evelina, 12, and Giulia, 8. But for a few weeks every summer, the family escapes to Gabriele's great-grandfather's 14th-century farmhouse in Fiesole, Italy. Located about 20 minutes outside of Florence, *La Casa Rosa* ("the pink house," as they call it) sits on 185 acres of rolling hills dotted with olive, apricot and persimmon trees. Gabriele's extended family still lives on the property, and he loves coming back here to cook for everyone—despite the less-than-modern setup: He relies almost exclusively on the wood-burning stove. Most nights, you'll find him tending to beans or locally made sausage over the fire, or preparing salads with heirloom tomatoes and other vegetables from their garden. If Gabriele has his way, he'll honor his ancestors by turning the farm into a cooking school someday. "I want to recoup the past," he says.

THIS LADDER IS 150 YEARS OLD!

## Chickens all around

The birds, including the handmade rooster behind the ladder, have become a common motif for Debi. "He's named Renato, and he's the house mascot," she says.



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*Antique grinder*

Debi and Gabriele use this 300-year-old mortar and pestle to make pesto, rubs, and salt mixes for curing pancetta.

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*Vintage glassware*

A green glass jug from the 1940s, which the couple bought in the town of Empoli, has two compartments: one for wine and one for ice.



### Pizza anytime

Debi and Gabriele built this pizza oven for their show, *Extra Virgin*. Gabriele likes burning almond or walnut wood for pizzas. "I often go through the woods with a chainsaw!" he says.



### Backyard coop

Debi and Gabriele tend to the family's flock of chickens and collect eggs every day. In addition to 12 hens, they also keep one rooster, Ettore. "He's a real stud," says Debi.



### Sweeping view

Gabriele's family property overlooks the Tuscan countryside and includes thousands of olive trees.

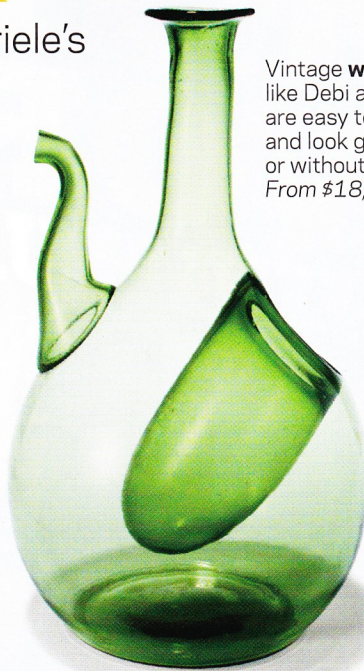


## Get the Look

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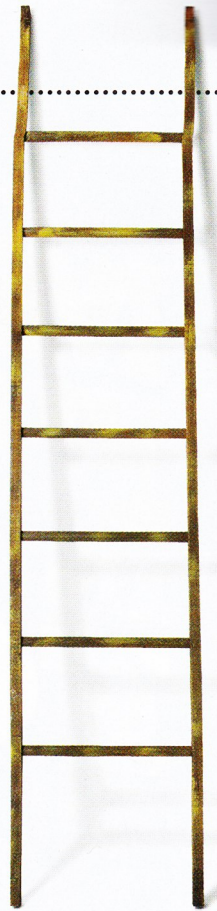


The walls around Gabriele and Debi's stove are decorated with antique kitchen tools similar to this **round wood sieve**. \$45; [fantes.com](http://fantes.com)



Vintage **wine decanters** like Debi and Gabriele's are easy to find online and look great with or without wine. From \$18; [etsy.com](http://etsy.com)

The 150-year-old farmer's ladder in the kitchen doesn't lead anywhere, but it looks great as a prop. This **8-foot wood ladder** is a close match. \$349; [potterybarn.com](http://potterybarn.com)



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Gabriele keeps his best knives in a **leather knife roll** he hangs by the stove. \$289; [jawleathergoods.com](http://jawleathergoods.com)



The couple keeps a **crumb board** like this one in reach for all their Tuscan breads. \$29, [Island Bamboo](http://IslandBamboo.com); [casa.com](http://casa.com)

Debi bought her life-size decorative chickens, similar to this **ceramic hen statue**, before she and Gabriele got a flock of real chickens. "They make me laugh," she says. \$205, [Creative Co-op](http://CreativeCo-op.com); [wayfair.com](http://wayfair.com)



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