

SAN FRANCISCO

▲ PAMELA PENNINGTON STUDIOS

In Menlo Park, California, clever space planning and organic materials yielded this warm, functional and serene master bathroom. A custom-designed vanity island in the room's center opens wall space for full-height storage, while a large glass-enclosed steam shower replaces an unwanted bathtub. Bamboo and limestone reflect light and add textural interest.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST MARIANNE SIMON DESIGN▶

The limited palette of marble, glass and brass employed in this Seattle bathroom beautifully exemplifies the adage that "a little goes a long way." Marble—used liberally on the bath surround, wainscoting, custom washstand and parquet floor—offers texture and movement, and brass fittings and details bring an understated bit of bling.





DALLAS + FORT WORTH DENISE MCGAHA INTERIORS

A study in soft blues and grays, this Southlake, Texas, master bathroom is undeniably soothing. Tailored floor-to-ceiling drapery complements the marble tiles and elegantly frames the angular, freestanding bathtub, while chrome accents add pizzazz to the space.



ARIZONA

▲ THE REFINED GROUP

The goal for this space in Vail, Colorado, was a glamorous spalike retreat—comfortable yet refined. That was achieved with luxurious stone, mirrored vanities, a sparkling chandelier and a contemporary bathtub.

COLORADO ▼ SLIFER DESIGNS A magnificant Eusion granite

A magnificent Fusion granite-slab shower with a Taj Mahal quartzite surround was intended as the focal point of this breathtaking master bathroom in Vail, Colorado. However, the stunning view of Vail Mountain was also key and became entirely possible from a luxurious vantage point: a 7-by-4-foot bathtub built for two.





AUSTIN + SAN ANTONIO A DICK CLARK + ASSOCIATES

A high-contrast material palette sets a sense of drama in this airy, linear Austin bathroom. Charcoal-colored matte floors and walls are the backdrop for white fixtures and chrome fittings. A pair of sleek vessel sinks top a glossy white floating vanity, and a deep freestanding bathtub offers a cradle of soothing simplicity.

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CHOCOLATE ALCHEMY: A BEAN-TO-BAR PRIMER

Kristen Hard

Turn your kitchen into your personal chocolate laboratory. An expert in the "bean-to-bar" process of chocolate-making, the owner of Cacao Atlanta Chocolate Co. shares more than 100 recipes that highlight this ingredient's complex flavor.

EATING FROM THE GROUND UP

Alana Chernila

Appreciate the unique flavor and texture of each vegetable, no matter what's in season. With recipes elegant enough for parties or a simple nosh, this tome pays homage to classic preparations that emphasize the best the garden has to offer.



FRUIT: RECIPES THAT CELEBRATE NATURE

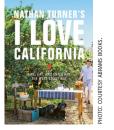
Bernadette Wörndl

Get back to basics with beautifully photographed recipes that spotlight how seasonal fruits enhance both sweet and savory dishes. Beyond mastering classic pairings, you'll become a pro at modern flavor combinations that wow with only a few simple ingredients.



Nathan Turner

It's easy to embrace the laid-back lifestyle synonymous with California in this designer's latest book, which showcases spectacular interiors up and down the coast and gives readers a peek at recipes and tips for effortless entertaining.



COUNTESY CHRONICLE BOOKS.

Josh Donald

An expert in his craft, this San Francisco-based knife purveyor breaks down the dos and don'ts for buying and caring for the tool every culinary expert needs. Read up on global knife-makers, and sharpen your techniques with 15 recipes from accomplished chefs.



