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Through captivating photographs and heartfelt anecdotes, Brooke and Steve Giannetti invite readers into their life at Patina Farm, where everything both outdoors and inside is designed with European gentility in mind. From the rose and lavender gardens to the outbuildings and landscaping of the animals quarters, this high-end homestead farm is a story of living meaningfully and with joy.

The Giannettis share how they designed and laid out their property. They show how the gardens provide beauty and bounty for the home—grand bouquets for the living room; sprays of lavender for the linen closet; rose petals for a luxurious bath; eggs, crisp greens, and succulent vegetables for a luncheon. And most enchanting of all, they introduce all the adorable Patina Farm animals and their charming antics.

Gardening and the daily routine of farm living have become passions for Brooke and Steve, who are also growing their architecture and design firm. Brooke's narrative reveals how she discovered the zen of gardening and found that time spent weeding, planting, amending, and watering were meditative opportunities. Come along on a day in the life of Patina Farm. Seize the inspiration that Patina Living offers regardless of where you live.

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Although Ginger looked exactly like the other three Pekin ducklings, when she grew up she turned out to be an a tall, lanky Indian Runner.
OPPOSITE: *Even at this early age, all four of the ducks always went everywhere as one unit.*





*One Big
Happy Family*



We rescued our barn cat, Sundance, and in return he helps keep the rodent population down at Patina Farm. Although he is feral, he has become quite friendly and often joins us for drinks on our porch.



I stack baskets of veggies and herbs from the garden next to our sink to be washed. They add a pop of color to my kitchen during the day.



On many days, our outdoor dining table transforms into a shady cutting table.

Goats

1. Goats are pretty easy animals to keep as pets, but they do require some maintenance. Their hooves need to be trimmed a few times a year. This can be done with a simple pair of pruners. Goats also need CDT vaccinations twice a year. We pick up the vaccines at our local veterinarian office and administer the shots ourselves.
2. Our pygmy goats love to climb. We've created a jungle gym comprised of houses with stairs and different levels so they can jump and play.
3. Always provide a container of baking soda for your goats to avoid deathly bloat. Although goats do burp (which is pretty hysterical), they can't always get rid of all of the excess gas that their constant grazing can produce. When a goat has an upset stomach, it instinctively knows to eat the baking soda.
4. Worming is a necessary precaution for goats and all of our animals. I don't love the chemical wormers and have found some great natural alternatives. Molly at Fiasco Farms, fiascofarms.com, makes a great herbal wormer. Her website is also a wealth of information on many different goat issues.
5. I also found biteme@104homestead.com, which offers a variety of herbal goat treats. I give Louise the Achy Breaky Bites to help with her arthritis. All of the goats get Mineral Mojo Bites as a supplement and Squirmy Wormy Bites to discourage parasites.
6. Castrated male goats are susceptible to urinary calculi, or calcium buildup in their urinary tract. To prevent this deadly disease, we give our little Sammy IP Freely Bites, ammonium chloride in a delicious treat form from biteme@104homestead.com.
7. Goats hate being in the rain. Even before the first drop hits the ground, our little herd find their way back into the barn. For this reason, a rain protective shelter is a must if you are thinking about getting goats.
8. Goats and sheep have no defenses against large predators such as coyotes, bob cats, and even raccoons, so you must provide a predator-safe house for them to sleep in. Our goats and sheep walk themselves into the barn to be locked up for the night as soon as the sun starts to set.
9. Because all goats are preyed upon, they've become very good at hiding illness. It is not uncommon for a goat (or sheep) to mask their illness until they are gravely ill. For this reason, it is important to keep an eye on your goats' health and take notice of any changes in eating or level of activity.





Steve and Brooke Giannetti are the owners of the world-renowned, full-service architectural and interior design firm Giannetti Home. Their work has appeared in *Veranda*, *Architectural Digest*, *Luxe*, *Sunset*, *C Magazine*, *California Homes*, the *Los Angeles Times*, and the *New York Times*.

Their shop in Santa Barbara, carries their Giannetti Home line of home furnishings and clothing mixed with unique vintage and antique finds from their travels.

The Giannettis live on Patina Farm in Ojai, California, with their children, four dogs, miniature breeds of goats, sheep and donkeys, dozens of chickens, and Hector, the house bunny.