

# Harper's BAZAAR

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LOCAL  
STYLE

EBRU'S WONDROUS  
WATERSIDE PALACE

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DECADENT  
DARK WALLS

DAYLIGHT  
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INSPIRATION FROM THE FRESHEST





A welcome drink at the pool. Guests included arriving hotel and local musicians, including Sait from Burberry.



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Ebru's living room, the grand setting for the cocktail party.



Inspired by his love of mixing contemporary with classic and applying generous colour and texture, Luigi began to set the stage for a stellar celebration. "I saw the opportunity to introduce one unifying primal colour throughout the house, with a special emphasis on a beautiful, rich, Ottoman red that captured my imagination on one of my previous trips to Istanbul."

Special attention to detail went into creating the decadent dining room table with Ebru's best tableware. Each room was given its own palette, a thread of colour that ran from the dresses, through to the glasses and the lighting, while unique Ottoman furniture was brought in to draw out the heritage of the home.

Ebru, the definitive hostess, whipped up the hospitality with her usual flair. "I love to entertain, and each time I invite friends to my house I enjoy preparing different types of foods - creating a distinctive atmosphere for them." Assembling all the elements with the care of a curator, Ebru designed the menu, prepared special drinks, chose the music and even arranged the flowers herself, despite having two master florists on the guest list. "I even enjoyed doing the grocery shopping for the event, shopping for exotic spices and dried fruits," she says.

The summer party demanded fresh, seasonal ingredients; this time for >



Sharing dishes and sipping wine at the dinner table. The menu paid nods to Vero Long.



The gentlemen don the empire's hat for a classic head look.



Watching the games get on by foot.

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traditional Turkish dishes that were prepared at home. "Here in Turkey we learn at a very young age how to entertain at home in a very traditional manner: elaborate meals that take days of preparation and planning and include family, extended family and many friends - the more the better," Ebru tells us. "Our society is one in which elders are revered so our parties usually include older people who entertain us well into the hours with anecdotes and stories of Turkish days gone by. Food is very important not only in Turkish culture but especially in my home. Through our Ottoman heritage we enjoy a mixture of Central Asian, Middle Eastern and Balkan cuisines. International guests love to experience our typical Turkish recipes but I try to mix it up with European cuisine to give them a variety of choices.

To wow her select group, Ebru took a daring step forward and made more extravagant, eclectic choices, going all-out with the decor and atmosphere. "Turkish hospitality is a way of life. It means opening your door to guests at any time of the day or night and making them feel they are in their own home."

After enjoying welcome drinks in the beautiful pool area overhanging with lush foliage, the guests gather for formal cocktails in the living room. The dresses are high-octane glamour, perfectly befitting the grand proportions of the space. As one of the biggest homes on the Bosphorus, it was originally designed in two halves; one to be occupied >



The dining table with Ebru's favourite pieces.



Serving homemade traditional Turkish food.