

1. GABRIELLA PICONE AT HER STUDIO ON THE NORTH FORK OF LONG ISLAND. 2. BEDDA COTTON TABLECLOTH. 3. VENERE SILK PILLOW.

Italian Translation

"Idda means 'her' in Sicilian dialect," says artist and designer Gabriella Picone. It's a word she heard often growing up between New York City and Lipari, the Aeolian island off the coast of Sicily. Now it's the name of her new studio, which she launched last year while hunkering down in another seaside locale, the North Fork of Long Island. What started with paintings, one-of-a-kind ceramics, and whimsical, limited-edition pareos (the sarong-like skirts worn by Sicilian women in hot summer months) is now expanding to include Italian-made home staples. A new pillow is decorated with female figures, while a tablecloth depicts a dreamy garden of Eden. All draw inspiration from the Sicilian lifestyle, especially its art of dining, which she has explored during the pandemic, getting into cooking for the first time. "Every meal is so considered-your whole family sits down, you talk, you tell stories," reflects Picone, who studied painting at Rhode Island School of Design and worked for four years as director of communications at the Manhattan design gallery R & Company. "I wanted my work to address this ritual of coming together." iddastudio.com — HANNAH MARTIN

