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Gentleman's Quarters: Michael Chernow and Donna Hemmingsen Chernow of the Meatball Shop

Meatball Shop owner Michael Chernow and Ford model Donna Hemmingsen Chernow talk Brooklyn living, the beauty of found objects, and DIY home improvement

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Michael Chernow and Donna Hemmingsen met when the Ford model walked into the bar Chernow was working at, on a date. When the date abandoned her for a concert with his buddy, Chernow pounced. "I scooped her up," he says. Now happily married, the two split hours between new Brooklyn digs and a rental upstate, where they're scouting out homes to buy. Chernow, who presides over the crowd-pleasing Meatball Shop empire, shares more than a few hobbies with his wife (he's modeled, too, for J.Crew), including entertaining at home and design foraging. Most of their furniture is found, whether at flea markets or on the streets of New York, or made by the two—including an antique sled Chernow crafted into a pot rack.