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Coast is clear

In Australia Christmas means summer and if you're considering homewares as gifts, a coastal theme is a sure way to make a splash.

Regardless of your loved one's domestic decor, a hint of beach style will fit in well, particularly as the mercury creeps up.

Look to neutral shades and nautical hues of red, white and blue – all of which are hot tickets in fashion this season.

You don't have to break the bank. You can make a difference with a seaside coffee-table book, a statement shell or piece of coral (which will look fab placed on top of said coffee-table book) or even a breezy striped beach towel or tote.

If your loved ones are spending the holidays at home, help them create a seaside escape with a striped outdoor umbrella, Hamptons-esque deck chair, or some beach essentials like a retro-style radio or cute beach-paddle set.

For a practical play on the beach theme, give a great storage solution like a rattan basket, some new serving bowls (go for ocean blue) or even a bamboo vase.

Other great gifts include shell-encrusted photo frames and beachy candles (think frangipani or coconut), which will invoke the scent of summer.



1. Shade, \$160, vintage base, \$630, nochintz.com. 2. Adirondack folding chair, \$198, patiobyjamiedurie.com.au. 3. *A Place in the Sun* by Stuart Harrison, \$69.95, Thames & Hudson. 4. Table lamp, \$89, freedom.com.au. 5. Bondi sand cushion, \$129, Domayne, 1800 366 296. 6. Coral, \$140, and shells, \$5 each, Cotton Love, 9387 3149. 7. Bottles, small \$35, large \$95, planter \$50, Cotton Love, 9387 3149. 8. Canvas shoulder bag, \$29.95, condura.com.au. 9. Stools, \$9.95, ikea.com.au. 10. Beach paddles, \$19.95, sunnylife.com.au. 11. Radio, \$49.95, sunnylife.com.au. 12. Soy candle, \$34.95, Palm Beach Collection, 0410 498 501. 13. Ikea Ramsö parasol, \$19.99, ikea.com.au.