

GET THE LOOK: 10 tips for a beachy keen abode

1. Lighten heavy timber furniture by sanding it back or painting with lime paint to create a whitewashed effect. — Fiona Hutchinson
2. Light-coloured slip covers are an instant way to brighten dark furniture. Wicker is also popular for coastal decor and works well with crisp linen upholstery. — Interior designer Kirsty Blane, of Revamp Colour & Decor
3. A collection of shells or coral along a sideboard can look amazing, or try placing them under glass domes to enhance their beauty and protect them from dust. — Sharyn Bagios
4. Update your window coverings to flowing soft fabrics or add light-coloured shutters. — Fiona Hutchinson
5. Get the effect of whitewashed floorboards with something as simple as vinyl planking. It is man-made, but looks and feels like the real thing and is more durable. — Simone Gillespie
6. Display fresh white or blue hydrangeas or white roses in glass vases or create a cluster display with chrome and glass lanterns in various sizes. — Brian Haftka
7. Update old picture frames by painting the frames white and adding your favourite beach or seaside photographs. — Fiona Hutchinson
8. Try combining seagrass mats with long-haired wool scatter rugs for an instant update, or have a friend with a great sense of colour knit or crochet a rug for you. — Judith Barrett-Lennard.
9. Create a warm ambience with large candles in hurricanes. — Sharyn Bagios
10. A piece of driftwood can be transformed into a beautiful and unique piece of wall art or a candle holder by drilling several holes in the top, then simply bolt directly to wall. — Kirsty Blane



Escale glass-top coffee table, \$399, from Early Settler.



Salad servers, \$89, from Veranda.



Driftway sailboat by Amalfi, \$19.95.



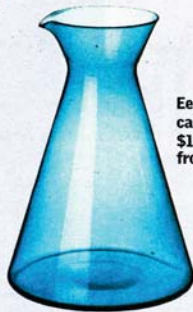
Amalfi wooden paddle, \$17.95.



Bottle lantern, \$119, from Laura Ashley.



Havana pendant, \$199, from Beacon Lighting.



Eende carafe, \$12.95, from Ikea.



Byholma basket, \$24.95, from Ikea.

Top-bottom: Hayman and Byron throw cushions, \$44.95 each, and Avalon and Balmain floor cushions, \$79.95 each, all by SunnyLife.



Bramley carver chair, \$595, from Laura Ashley.