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## COVER STORY

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When it comes to giving your home a nautical-inspired look, think of all the details that remind you of it—except for the heat, of course. Whether it's seashells or blue tones, it's quite easy to bring in all that you love about the seaside into your home.

### BREEZY BLUES

While repainting your home might seem like a herculean task, pre-existing walls in eggshell white or light shades of blue and green will work well with this theme. If you're willing to put in the extra effort, you could switch to wallpapers in aquatic tones, prints or motifs. Just go for white paint or textured wallpapers with calming sea colours like aquamarine, azure blue, sea green and

teal. Then bring in wicker and white outdoor furniture, coral printed cotton or jute rugs and nautical accessories to complete the look," says Charu Tewari, CEO and business head, Ficus Fine Living. Accentuate your home with cane and wicker accessories and furniture such as chairs, tables and

## The sea-nic home

With summer here, it's a great time to indulge in a home makeover of sorts, one that not only helps beat the heat, but also instantly gives your home a cooler vibe



storage baskets that are reminiscent of brown sand.

### YOU'VE GOT THE BLUES

In fabrics and furnishings, pick from a bouquet of blue shades and tones. "Give your home an easy-breezy look with a blue, white and grey colour scheme. Select fabrics with geometric embossed patterns. For the couch, pick soft, embellished cushions, whereas for the windows, choose grey

sheer curtains that are likely to filter in the light and sway gently in the breeze. Envelop your bed with a duvet and quilt that feature water colours and cushions with bead work detailing," says Abhinav Mahajan, retail director, Maspar. Avoid thick fabrics that induce a sense of warmth; instead, opt for lighter and cooler fabrics that are easy to maintain. Straw or jute blinds will work as a great alternative to curtains too.

### THE SEAFARING HEART

With your furniture and furnishings in place, move on to the finer details—accessories. Collect the seashells from your various trips to the beach. Depending on the size, position a large seashell as the centerpiece and collect smaller ones in glass bowls or bottles, which can be placed on the dining table, console or bathroom sink. If you have a large balcony, hang a cosy hammock to laze around in or accessorise a wall by displaying a cane hat on a hook. "Give your nest a nautical vibe all year long with postcard elements. Escape to the Bahamas with a splash of azure undertones, radiant peacock blue curtains, shimmering turquoise pillows and lacquered settees. Accentuate the coastal look with rope accents, anchor motifs and coral and shell embellished mirrors. If you're looking to make a dramatic statement, display a pair of oars on your wall," says Arshi Muker, design expert, Pepperry. Additionally, fill your balcony or a bare corner with palm trees, beach-inspired wall art and artefacts in glass or wood in shapes of fishes, sea horses, turtles and other marine life to add to the charm of this coastal look, says Tewari.

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# GET SET, SERVE

Are you going to be playing host to an exciting meal? Well, our selection of nature-inspired tableware is just what you need to make an impression

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**Artisera**  
Timeless  
15 piece Dinner Set  
₹ 43,500

With its contrasting hues and patterns, this set presents a harmonious blend of vintage and modern aesthetics

**Nicobar**  
Nalkano Quarter Plate  
₹ 750

This Tuscan stone plate bears a rather faded look that's brightened with the imagery of a toucan bird sitting atop a branch dotted with Chinese bell flowers

**Fanusta**  
Lavender Square Tray  
₹ 1,155

The handcrafted blue pottery plate, with its floral motif in a cool blue hue, is ideal for serving entrees

**Vajor**  
Multi-coloured Botanical Tray,  
₹ 1,375

With its vibrant floral design, this tray can be used to serve some delectable appetisers



**Ladro**  
Natuero Fantastic Tray  
₹ 1,06,700

Reminiscent of a cob of corn, the fine detailing and shape are reasons enough to make this tray the cynosure of all eyes



**Peeli Dori**  
Leaf Print Bowls  
₹ 499

Featuring charcoal black leaf motifs along the rim, these stone bowls can be put to varied use



**Miah Decor**  
Blue Printed Ceramic Set, available on [Mirrora.com](#),  
₹ 820

The cleverly designed ceramic plate with an integrated bowl is perfect to serve both chips and dip on one plate



**India Circus**  
Garden of Eva Serving Bowl  
₹ 1,189

Its soothing colours and botanical motifs will easily blend with the rest of your table setting

**Casa Pop**  
Cake Platter  
₹ 4,199

This cake platter with its maze-like pattern in hues of royal blue and gold is every bit contemporary and stylish



**Hermès Tie-set**  
Salad Bowl  
price on request

Toss up a healthy salad in this porcelain bowl that features abstract designs in dual colours, both on the inside and the outside



**Artta Innox**  
Kalpataru White Porcelain Quarter Plate (set of 6),  
₹ 2,860

This set of six porcelain quarter plates feature a serene depiction of a tree standing tall in the wilderness



**Stefano Ricci**  
Home Imperial Botticelli Service  
price on request

Taking inspiration from the brand's trademark paisley motif, the collection features an intricate inlay of 98 per cent pure platinum and gold—both matte and shiny

**TheLabelLife.com**  
Iridescent dinner forks set (set of 4),  
₹ 1,890

Integral to any table setting, these gleaming forks will lend a pleasing contrast when placed alongside porcelain crockery

**Villeroy & Boch**  
Amazonia Collection  
price on request

Bring home the essence of the Amazon forest with this collection that celebrates its lush flora and fauna

