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Design on deck

SOPHISTICATION SETS SAIL WITH RESORT-INSPIRED DECOR

STORY BY KATHERINE HARBEN

hether homeowners have their own cabana houses to "deck" out. or just a room they'd like to reimagine as their favorite beach resort, there are many ways to achieve a sophisticated seaside vibe no matter the address. With just a little effort or a whole boatload. homeowners can bring a touch of Nantucket, Bali or Miami Beach to any space. or transform an entire home into a vacation retreat with nary a tourist in sight.

Central Ohio Home & Garden digs deep, with help from interior designer Katie Hixon, to unearth a treasure trove of resort-inspired design tips.

ANCHOR'S AWAY

Few design aesthetics say "classic beach resort" like nautical-themed décor. This on-trend yet timeless décor style features sailboat motifs, canoe paddles, rope detailing, a navy-and-white palette and extras such as nostalgic weather-beaten signage.

Nautical themes conjure images of families setting sail in crisp, matching polo shirts as the sun crests the horizon. Just don't overdo it; a little bit of

nautical goes a long way.

"With design, it's all about balance, so you don't want to overwhelm a space with just one pattern." Hixon says. "You want it to be interesting without it dominating."

A HOUSEBOAT OF A DIFFERENT COLOR

Green might not be the first color that comes to mind when picturing "resort

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NAUTICAL THEMES CONJURE IMAGES
OF FAMILIES SETTING SAIL IN CRISP,
MATCHING POLO SHIRTS AS THE SUN
CRESTS THE HORIZON.

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décor," but it is one of the best hues for invoking the classiest of beach vibes. After all, what says seaside style better than screen-printed palm fronds on creamy ivory fabric, or a live vivid-green palm billowing in the breeze from an open window? Incorporate tall tropical plants with lots of foliage to achieve high beach drama.

"Those little pops of green make a difference." Hixon says.

Homeowners also can insinuate a subtle but fun resort vibe by introducing hints of other bright colors. such as yellow or coral, into a more muted color palette.

"It depends on the mood you want to invoke." Hixon says.

TIDY WHITES

If bold colors such as navy and green aren't appealing, then simplify the color palette by deleting it.

"When you've got crisp white, it always makes you think of summer and the beach," Hixon says.

Sheer white curtains, layers of white bed linens featuring different textures. whitewashed woodwork, and white pottery convey a spa resort-cum-beach cottage vibe. Mix them with touches of iridescent white or ivory accessories to give a space that modern, Miami-chic edge.

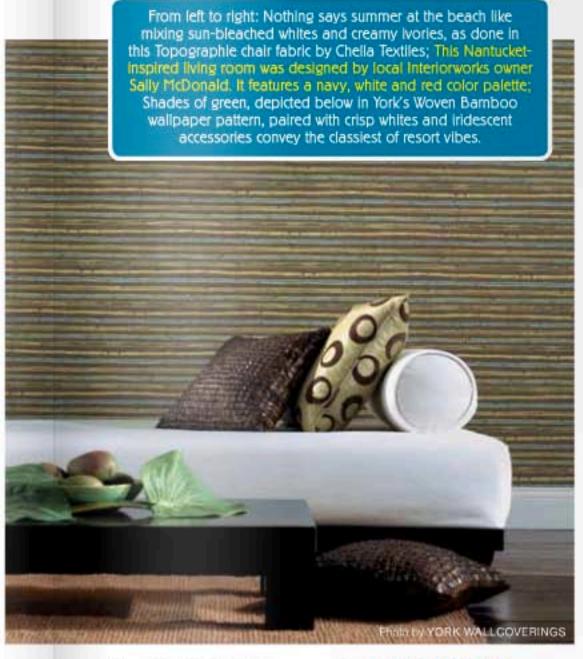
FROM SAND TO SHINING SEA

Pops of aqua and khaki, sunset colors and seacreature printed fabrics add whimsical beachy allure to any space. Sprinkle in refined bits of beach detritus such as chunks of porcelain coral, a mirror ensconced in white starfish, black-and-white or oversaturated color ocean photos, or perhaps, a modern, clean-lined bowl full of sun-baked shells.

Beadboard wainscoting, oversized natural-fiber baskets, wicker furniture and brass accessories also can add big beach whimsy to a room at sea.

DIGGING IN

Any beach resort worth its sand has that element of shelter from storm. Should the hurricane of the century



hit, guests can hunker down in cozy style until fair weather returns. That's why comfort rules the resort. Big, fluffy pillows; oversized cushions and soft, knobby throws welcome guests and family to tuck-in for the evening.

For comfort that maintains high-sophistication. homeowners might incorporate an oversized, tufted ottoman as their coffee table. Used with a few beautiful display trays, an ottoman can hold a pitcher of sangria or provide a place to prop up sandy feet.

Hixon says ottomans are gaining popularity in homes of every design aesthetic. Those covered in natural-fiber materials or with beachy patterns fit in especially well with the comfy resort-inspired home.

ON TROPIC

The tropics aren't just a destination near the equator: they're a state of design. And homeowners don't have to limit themselves geographically when devising their personal paradise. No matter where they reside, homeowners can bring the heat of the tropics home.

Languorous and minimalist, tropical décor features lots of rich, oiled woods such as teak; deep. bright colors such as ochre and orange: sheer mosquitonet-inspired fabrics and exotic accessories that recall trips to hidden island escapes. Whether homeowners wish to channel Brazil or Bora Bora, tropical design is less about a specific location and more about transporting homeowners to a paradise state of mind. 5

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