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Life is a beach at this adorable bungalow in Ocean City, MD.



paint color
Try Alyssum by
Sherwin-Williams.

playtime! Pink siding and a sunburst design in the gable set the tone for the family's laid-back lifestyle. The living room and kitchen open to an expansive deck by Trex—a space that's equally geared toward kiddie-pool dips and entertaining. The bar window swings out to let in the breeze.



Seanna and Matt Covell spent their childhood summers in Ocean City, MD, eating French fries on the boardwalk and biking barefoot with friends. They wanted the same for their girls, so when this 1,000-square-foot bungalow—just two blocks from Matt’s parents’ place—came on the market, they snagged it. Matt, a builder and designer, took the lead on transforming the dilapidated 1960s house. He and his team gutted it, vaulted the ceilings, and installed white oak floors and shiplap throughout. “In a beach house, you can easily go overboard with the nautical theme,” says Matt. The Covells wanted a fresher vibe and layered in modern geometric tile, vintage surfer swag, and bright pops of color. “It’s a tiny house, and it didn’t take much to trick out every space,” Matt says. His daughters approve. “They get to wake up every morning in a funky paradise,” says Seanna, “then head down the street to get spoiled by their grandparents.”



pelican pop The Covells worked with a local spray paint artist to come up with the pelican plan, then let him go to it. Matt built the oak box to house the TV, with shelves for family photos and a retro skateboard to keep the screen from dominating the living room. The girls perch on the stools by TOV...when they're not competing for the Anthropologie hand chair. The leafy sectional is from Lee Industries.

beachy woods The couple had planned to put a geometric reclaimed wood panel on the barstool side of the island but realized it would have more visual impact as a backsplash. "It's the feature guests talk about most," says Seanna. For the island, they used the same light oak that they chose for the floor, which made the space seem bigger. Also, says Matt, "we had leftovers and were trying to save money!"



surfer style When he's not riding his custom Album surfboard, Matt hangs it in the dining area. "Honestly, there was no room anywhere else—and the colors fit our theme!" he says. He and Seanna display the girls' art on a string with clothespins. A zebra pattern rug is Matt's cheeky, nonbeachy addition. "I got it on a safari to Pottery Barn," he says.



making waves The flowy layout of Clé tiles in the shower creates the illusion of movement in the primary bathroom. An old surfboard fin on the CB2 mirror and a pop-art painting of a snorkeling girl keep the theme going.



a touch of blue “You’ve gotta go blue somewhere in a beach house, right?” says Matt of his shiplap bedroom wall. For quirk, he turned half of the planks on an angle. Framed surfer magazine covers from the ‘70s and ‘80s show the way to a deck and outdoor shower.

paint color
Try Baritone Blues
by Valspar.



pink palms While the installer was hanging the fuchsia wallpaper (from Wallshoppe) in the guest room, Matt got the idea to cut around a few fronds and paste them to the ceiling. The black-and-white bedding and tapered lamps are from Crate & Barrel.



cozy quarters Dylan and Coco's bedroom "turned out kind of like a cruise ship bunkroom," says Seanna. The upper beds have boat-style railings; the bottom ones have rope-handled drawers for clothes. Matt added striped throws from Anthropologie for bursts of color. The mermaids were his bunkwarming gift to the girls.

paint color
Wrought Iron by Benjamin Moore

get the look



pillows

Surya Natur 18" x 18" cotton pillow in light blue and light beige, \$50, houzz.com; Phoenix 20" x 20" polyester pillow in fuchsia, \$88, annieselke.com; Emuna Hook 16" x 16" wool and cotton pillow, \$69, jungalow.com



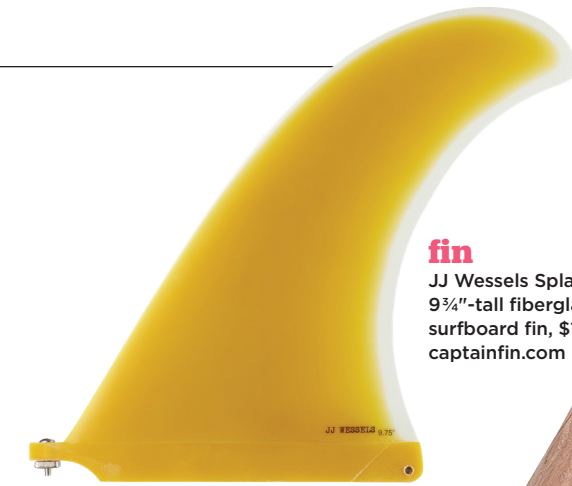
lamp

Opry 26½"-tall iron lamp in verdigris green with shade, \$289, crateandbarrel.com



wallpaper

Electric Palm 26¼"W x 39"H removable panel in white, \$58, wallshoppe.com



fin

JJ Wessels Splash 9¾"-tall fiberglass surfboard fin, \$100, captainfin.com



chair

Friedeberg Hand suar wood chair, \$1,499, franceandson.com



mirror

24"-diameter acacia mirror in wood finish, \$149, cb2.com

rug

Hilary Farr Peranakan Tile 8' x 10'6" polyester rug in gold, \$1,337, kaleen.com for buying info



pool

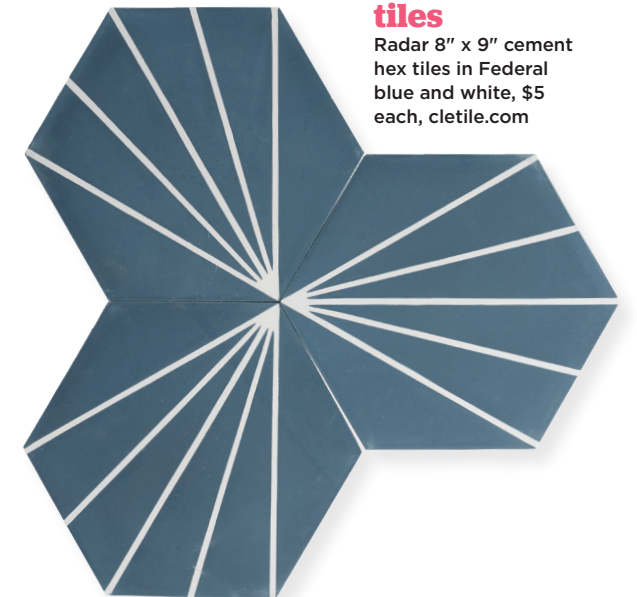
Malibu Barbie Dream 18"H x 66"-diameter kiddie pool, \$59, funboy.com

BLANKET: ALISON GOOTEE



blanket

Geometric Kids full/queen cotton quilt in black and white, \$179, crateandbarrel.com



tiles

Radar 8" x 9" cement hex tiles in Federal blue and white, \$5 each, cletile.com