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BRING THE BEACH HOME WITH  
*richly textured flowerpots*, ADORNED  
WITH WHITE AND GRAY SHELLS.

This display is all about contrast. Some pots are entirely ensconced in shells. Others have just an artful cluster of barnacles, as if the vessel survived a shipwreck and lay undiscovered for years on the ocean floor. If you can wield a glue gun, you can make these distinctive pots.

Shells and other sea creatures on these pages were ordered from [sea.shellcity.com](http://sea.shellcity.com), which sells all kinds of affordable specimens, many available in bulk. (You can, of course, also draw from your and your kids' collections.) For more sources and how-tos, see page 122.






THE NEXT

# *wave*

The idea of *decorating with shells* might call to mind images of ocean-side shanties. But the projects here suggest a sea change. Gone is the folksy quaintness, and in its place are unexpected sophistication and understated chicness.

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A circular mirror is mounted on a wall of light-colored, square mosaic tiles. The mirror's frame is composed of numerous sand dollars of various sizes, arranged in a somewhat irregular, organic pattern. The mirror reflects a bright, overcast sky. In the foreground, a wooden shelf holds various bathroom items: a glass vase with orange flowers and green leaves, a white ceramic bowl filled with yellow and brown sponges, a clear glass bottle of soap with a pump dispenser, a bar of yellow soap, and a stack of folded towels in shades of cream, brown, and purple. A small, textured ceramic bowl is also visible on the left side of the shelf.

**SAND DOLLARS**  
*encircle a mirror*  
**AS IF THEY'VE**  
**WASHED ASHORE.**

Using an inexpensive frameless beveled mirror, position the sand dollars randomly—a large one here, a few smaller ones there—for the most organic-looking arrangement, almost as though they had been strewn by the tide along the water's edge.

**FOR THE PROJECT:**  
Kolja mirror, \$15, [ikea.com](http://ikea.com)

**FOR THE LOOK:**  
Loose tiles (MDJ4-41), 4" by 4", in White, \$25 per square foot, [mosaicshae.com](http://mosaicshae.com). Hurricane vase, \$72, from Ochre, [ochrestore.com](http://ochrestore.com). Ottoman-style spoon, \$400, [rizzettiandgow.com](http://rizzettiandgow.com). Fouta bath towels, \$79.50 each, by Scents and Feel, from [abchome.com](http://abchome.com).

SHELL TOPPERS *turn simple boxes*  
INTO TREASURE CHESTS.

Urchins and small conch shells are perfect for knobs. Just glue them to boxes you've given a couple of coats of paint. The mosaic-topped boxes, meanwhile, shimmer with shards of abalone. As you make the mosaic, take your time, and work in small sections.

FOR THE PROJECT:  
Round chipwood boxes,  
from \$1 each, [acmoore.com](http://acmoore.com). Keepsake box, \$13.89,  
from [woodcrafter.com](http://woodcrafter.com).  
FOR THE LOOK:  
Polished crystal ball, 3",  
\$75, [abohome.com](http://abohome.com).



THESE SCONCES *cast lacy shadows*  
*on the wall* AND ARE EASIER  
TO MAKE THAN THEY LOOK.

A trio of sea fan sconces gives an entryway a modern (and almost otherworldly) look. Plus, they're a simple way to decorate a big blank wall. To make one, whitewash and sand a wrought-iron candleholder. Then glue on a sea fan, and insert a candle.

**FOR THE PROJECT:**  
Sconces, \$19 each,  
by the Metal Studio, from  
hillsburys.com.

**FOR THE LOOK:**  
Bench (TG18), \$4,620,  
karkula.com. Tie-dye  
cushions, \$96 each, from  
Ochre, ochrestore.com.