



THE NEST

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Splash on summer style with our beachy-keen projects, a dreamy front-porch makeover, and a soft, new look from translucent panels.

Create a surf-style centerpiece by collecting seashells and starfish in various sizes, shapes, and colors and arranging on an oversize platter.

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Hands-on style. Bring the beach home with easy, high-tide projects.

Harness the summer sun and the ocean spray with these nautical ideas.

1) SURF STYLE

Create a still-life focal point in your room by grouping beach-theme projects and accessories. Arrange maps, bottles, and books in varying heights and shapes on open shelves. Embellish canvas storage cubes with a row of shells, then fill glass bottles, cake pedestals, and bowls with shoreline finds, such as large shells and sand.

2) GLASSY ACCENT

Wrap 3- to 6-inch plastic-foam wreaths with ribbon. Purchase beach glass pieces and attach to wreaths using hot glue. Tie string or ribbon around the wreaths, and hang them near a window to catch sunlight.

3) LIGHT WAVES

To make this lamp, use an antique chemistry funnel for a base (or a clear glass lamp with an open base) and fill with seashells. Thread a lamp wiring kit through the opening, and top with a shade adorned with miniature shells.



BUYING BEACHY GOODS

Stuck on terra firma? Comb these Web sources for all the beach products you'll need.

SEASHELLS Try www.looseends.com or www.seashellcity.com for a wide selection of clamshells, sea urchins, sand dollars, starfish, and more.

BEACH GLASS Designer Matthew Mead went to Grenon Trading Company in Bedford, New Hampshire; 603/472-3946. Check out www.kptiles.com/seaglass.html to find similar beach glass.

DRIFTWOOD Visit www.deltadriftwood.com for California driftwood. Also check www.looseends.com for this material.

