

The water issue

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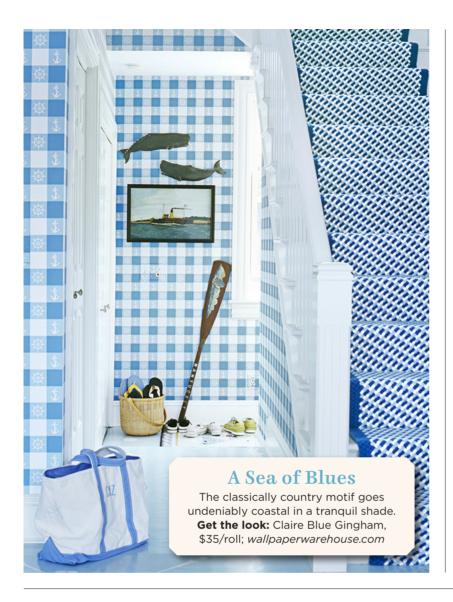
Introducing the latest wave of summer must-haves for enjoying life waterside—at the lake, beach, riverfront, or your own backyard.



Geometric \$70; sunnylife.com



Floral \$180; pier1.com







Sailors Knots

After a Nantucket sailing excursion, Australia native Sophie Aschauer was inspired to make welcome mats, key rings, and bracelets out of recycled marine rope using centuriesold sailors knot techniques.

> \$35 (key ring), from \$55 (bracelet), \$249 (mat); serpentsea.com



A Humble Hula Skirt

Who needs fancy fabric? Shell out \$3 at the party supply store and-aloha!you have a fun fringed sink that sets a not-so-serious tone. Here are more ways to shake things up:

- 1. Valance Ocean views look even better when framed with fringe.
- 2. Bed Skirt Pair it with crisp white bedding to keep it from going too kitschy.
- 3. Cocktail Cart Skirting an outdoor bar cart means you can keep unsightly odds and ends tucked away.



The Right Wavelength

"In coastal homes, I try, in subtle ways, to bring the ocean indoors," says Erin Paige Pitts, who designed the vanity above. Celebrate the surf on your home turf with these swell picks.



\$33 per square foot; homedepot.com



PILLOW \$95; aimeewilder.com



WALLPAPER \$46 per roll; yorkwall.com



DOG BOWL \$25; puplife.com









Ducks Unlimited

As far as creature comforts go, a waterfowl motif is one fine way to feather the nest (or dress).

1. Dress \$96; cathkidston.com 2. Basket etsy.com for similar 3. Pillow \$40; sophieallport.com 4. Cake Plate \$56; immbassador.imm-living.com 5. Wallpaper \$29 per double roll; wallpaperdirect.com 6. Garden Ducks from \$30 each; uncommongoods.com



A Better Way to Cruise the Boardwalk

If you ask us, a polka-dot bike—the "Tompkins" by Venice Beach-based Sole Bicycles—beats an (itsy bitsy, teeny weeny) polka-dot bikini any day. Bonus: It arrives 90% assembled and doesn't care if you eat funnel cake.

\$399; solebicycles.com



Permanent Pops of Sunshine

Blue may get all the glory, but a hit of yellow makes overcast days more tolerable. Here's how to start any day sunny-side-up.



PENDANT LIGHT \$199; pbkids.com



EGG HOLDER \$13; crateandbarrel.com



ANCHOR NAPKINS \$50 for 4; wayfair.com



SEAT CUSHION \$17; worldmarket.com





Galvanized Glow

Tiki torches are fine and good, but for a decidedly country flicker, reach for these metal lanterns. (They also make for a thoughtful hostess gift.)

\$29 for 2; birchlane.com

Wide-Mouthed Storage

Summer odds and ends (towels, swim goggles, games, flip-flops...) tend to get strewn about willy-nilly. Place this 30-inch-wide rattan basket in a mudroom, and everyone will know precisely where to put them (hump)back where they belong.

\$99; pbkids.com





BOAT & TOTE, 2.0

The iconic canvas bag has been reinterpreted using the same very-serious-sounding "vulcanized" rubber that makes up the company's Wellie boots.

\$129: Ilbean.com



Coordinating Walls

Celebrate a sentimental patch of sea with custom nautical chart wallpaper. Steve "Skipper" Morris and his wife, Linda, will help you tailor it to your needs (more ocean than land, for example). \$10 per square foot (plus a \$170 start-up fee); www.nauticalchartwallpaper.com



Turnbuckle Bookends

Made of cast aluminum, brass, and iron, these sturdy pieces will prevent your beloved editions of Hemingway and Melville from capsizing.

\$149; pendulux.com



YOUR OWN PRIVATE **SWIMMING HOLE**

You heard it here first, folks: Backyard pools made from the stock tanks at tractor supply stores (tractorsupply.com) are having a moment, and starting at \$250, they're much cheaper than digging up the yard. (Go to countryliving .com/stocktank for a how-to.)



Naval Supply

Designed in 1944 as a lightweight, corrosion-resistant chair for Navy submarines, the original aluminum Navy chair (emeco.net) has an impressive estimated life span of 150 years. Here's a fleet of other finds that pay tribute to the seaborne service.



MESS DINNERWARE

Each vintage dish comes with an officer's rank insignia. \$8; replacements.com



RECRUITING POSTER

A reprint of a 1917 original found at the Library of Congress. \$29; zazzle.com



WOOL BLANKET

It's based on those the company created during WWII. \$200; faribaultmill.com



Rainbow Refreshment

Somewhere under the rainbow...a child is getting gleefully soaked. Plop this Technicolor 60- by 90-inch sprinkler in the backyard and watch kids run for color.

\$149; pbkids.com





A SERIOUSLY COOL SINK

Repurpose an antique soda cooler as a bathroom or mudroom sink, and you can pat yourself on the back for your brilliant 7UP-cycling.



A Decidedly Un-Corporate Water Cooler

The juicy chitchat potential increases exponentially when you swap paper cones for margarita glasses.

\$10; target.com