


# EXPLORE THE COAST

Briefed to create a family friendly yet sophisticated interior in the heart of Noosa, Melbourne interior designer *Charlotte Coote* tossed the beach-house playbook out in favour of a fresh, layered palette of patterned fabrics, lacquered surfaces, cane and sisal. Here's how...

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Artwork by Robert Doble. Andrea slipper chair in Schumacher Iconic Leopard and Daphne side table, both Coote&Co.

*Design tip*

Bold colour can feel like a risky decorating move. Containing the colour to the accessories allows you to easily tone it down or change it up.

**THE SHELFIE**

Quirky items showcase your personality. Include a range of shapes and sizes; you don't have to fill every space. For a neat finish, group 'like' items. Colour blocking, particularly with books, looks great too.

**PATTERN MIX**

Balance scale and proportion: a large print with a small print, geometric or structured with something loose and organic. Having a common theme, in this case, the colour, is also important. ▶

Custom sofas by Coote&Co, upholstered in Schumacher 'Zebra Palm'. Custom armchair in Brunswick & Fils 'Les Touches'. Custom travertine coffee table. Double Gourd lamps, Bragg & Co. European Addarra sisal rug, International Floorcoverings. Walls painted Resene Quarter Bianca. **GET THE LOOK** Right, from top Schumacher 'Creeping Fern' cotton-blend fabric in Moss, \$240/m, Orient House. Bamboo and mirror tray, \$49.95, Alfresco Emporium. Oly 'Cosmo' stone-composite side table, \$1450, Coco Republic. Palm linen cushion, \$129, Alfresco Emporium. Diane Bergeron 'Rita' bench in Kravet 'Bosana' linen, \$1530, Arthur G. POP Collection 'Onion' ceramic lamp, \$699, Bragg & Co. Aiden oak coffee table, \$1835, Globe West.





**Design tip**  
The rattan detail on the ceiling fans ties in with the dining chairs, as well as tonally with the flooring and the coffee table.

**SHAPE SHIFTER**

The dining area is an unusual shape, so we used a rectangular table to bring symmetry to the space. If children will be regular diners, specify a more durable and practical material or something that will improve with age. Here, Thonet 8 Hoffman chairs add sophistication.

**BLESSED IS THE FRUIT**

A pineapple motif, based on a Coote&Co lamp, threads throughout the home. For this room, we created bespoke dinnerware featuring a green pineapple as well as nickel hardware for the cabinetry.

Custom dining table with Caesarstone Buttermilk top. Dining chairs, Thonet. European oak flooring, Queensland Timber Flooring. **GET THE LOOK** *Left, from top* Fijian II ceiling fan, \$389, Beacon Lighting. Feathered Nest fabric, from \$90/m, Georgia Macmillan Textiles Collection. Martini rattan armchair, \$799, Oz Design Furniture. Selenite Beam wall hanging, \$3300, LuMu Interiors. Chinese rustic sisal, \$65/m<sup>2</sup> (supply only), International Floorcoverings. Eureka dining table with Starphire top, \$2290, Modern Home Furniture.

**Design tip**

Going bespoke gives you total control over the design, delivering a unique and personal look that's difficult to achieve off the shelf.



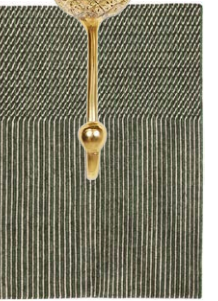
**SWEET RETREAT**

The most important thing in any bedroom is beautiful bedlinen and lots of pillows. The best linen sheets you can afford will make your bedroom, and bed, the most comfortable place in the house.

**IN THE SHADES**

Using multiple variations of the one colour creates depth and interest in a space – a room with only one or two variations in hue won't create the same intention or conviction of design. Include a range of textures and patterns to enliven the room. ▶

Custom bedhead and valance in Nine Muses 'Pineapple'. Custom side table painted Dulux Endless. Coote&Co 'Pineapple' lamp with Diane Bergeron Design 'Hudson' shade. Custom bedlinen and rug, Coote&Co. **GET THE LOOK** *Right, from top* Pineapple brass hook, \$15, Dusty Sea Home Decor. Nanimarquina 'Blur' rug, \$5446.50, Istdibs. Melon ceramic knob, \$7.50, Do Up. Tea for Two lampshade, \$350, Bragg & Co. Gold Watercolour Pineapples cotton fabric, \$39/91cm, Zazzle. Nell cane and pine bedside table, \$1105, James Said.



**SOFT LANDINGS**

Outdoor fabrics are great for adding personality to an outdoor space, which really is an extension of the interior. Paul Bangay's range of outdoor fabrics for Elliott Clarke and Perennials Fabrics, used here, are my top picks. Outdoor fabrics can also be very helpful in locations like Queensland where the sun is very strong. The fade-resistance of outdoor fabrics makes them a good choice for indoors too, especially in brightly lit rooms. **H&G**

*Design tip*

Don't make outdoor lights an afterthought. Solar lights, pendants, uplights, even string lights can create lovely atmosphere.



Toulouse 4 pendant lights, Lights Lights Lights. Calm sunloungers and Illum dining table, all Cosh Living. Lucy dining chairs, Cotswold InOut Furniture. **GET THE LOOK** Right, from top Black Sands beach umbrella, \$249, Sunday Supply Co. Olive and Stripe Olive polyester outdoor cushions, \$39 each, Domayne. Slowtide 'Hala' cotton velour beach towel, \$54, Fruugo. Lucy stacking side chair, \$1037, Janus et Cie. Delray stainless-steel day bed, \$999, Eco Outdoor. For Where to Buy, see page 230.