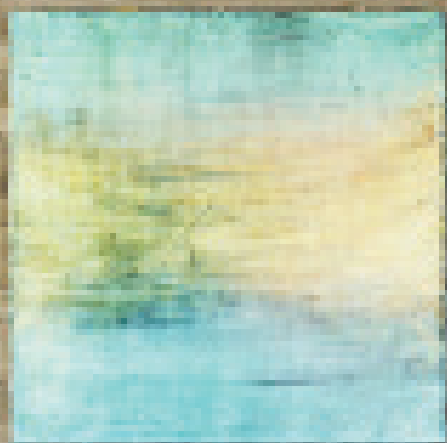


COASTAL COOL

24 "Relaxed and casual, but private," says Meryl Hare of this open-plan living and dining room in a Sydney home overlooking Bondi Beach. The homeowners sought a clean, contemporary interior infused with a cool palette, and they're thrilled with the results.

SMITTEN "This room exudes warmth and vibrancy. It's a wonderful place to eat with friends and family, or just hang out," say the owners. "Together with the kitchen, this space is at the centre of our family's life."

TRY THIS AT HOME Coastal homes cry out for a palette that reflects the colours and textures of sand, sea, seaweed, rocks and driftwood. "Tactile, neutral and natural materials followed: cool basalt underfoot, warm bleached oak joinery and off-form concrete," says Hare. >



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